Declared Purpose:

The following purpose is for the Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management 0074-03 (QAN no: 500/8280/2). This is a Technical Level Qualification.

This level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management is a qualification aimed at providing you with a range of practical skills and knowledge. This will help you to seek employment or progression into further training within the Animal Management Industry.

Who is this qualification for?

It is for learners who work or want to work within the Animal Care Industry.

A level 2 Certificate, Extended Certificate or Diploma in Animal Care and/or previous practical experience within an animal care environment are recommended entry requirements.

What does the qualification cover?

The learner will need to complete 19 units to successfully gain this qualification.

The units that everyone is required to take are:

- Understanding Animal Health
- Planning and Monitoring Feeding
- Managing Animal Accommodation
- Animal Handling and Safe Working
- Animal Biology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Work Experience
- Investigative Project

There are 24 optional units which allow you to pick areas of interest:

- Dog Grooming
- Kennel and Cattery Management
- Principles of Zoological Animal Health and Husbandry
- Animal Breeding and Genetics

The period of work experience will allow you to gain first hand experience of working in a wildlife park or other related animal care businesses.

The Extended Diploma is the largest in the suite of Animal Management qualifications, and is broadly equivalent to three A Levels. The qualification is typically delivered as a two-year full-time course at College and is aimed at learners who mainly know
which industry they would like to specialise into. It provides a substantial core of knowledge and skills, alongside a wide range of optional units that enables learners to specialise in subjects that really interest them, or are important areas of study for employment in local businesses. Learners may wish to progress to further learning and training or to Higher Education.

The qualification has been developed in conjunction with industry, and with the support of Lantra, the Sector Skills Council for the Land-based Sector.

What opportunities are there for employment or progression after I have finished studying this qualification?

The qualification allows you to progress into employment. You might progress into the following roles:

- Pet Store Manager
- Assistant Zoo Keeper
- Kennel/Cattery Manager
- Animal Welfare Centre Manager
- Dog Groomer
- Technical Advisor/Consultant
- Animal Care Technician
- Animal Nutritionist
- Vet Care Assistant

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Animal Care, which allows you to combine working in a boarding kennels or in a similar job, typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.

You might want to go on to Higher Education. The following Higher Education Institutes recognise that this qualification fulfils the requirements for entry onto a range of HE programmes (in its own right or alongside other Level 3 qualifications):

- Harper Adams University
- Aberystwyth University
- Writtle College

You can go on to study subjects such as:

- Animal Management Foundation Degree
- BSc (Hons) in Animal Science
- BSc (Hons) in Animal Management
- BSc (Hons) in Animal Management with Wildlife Conservation

This qualification carries 120 to 420 UCAS points (depending on the grade achieved).

See the following link [http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariff-tables](http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/explore-your-options/entry-requirements/tariff-tables)
Further information can be found on our website and within the qualification handbook: