

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management (540) 601/7520/5**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work with animals. It provides you with a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the animal care and management industries.
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to study a range of specialist technical practical skills and knowledge that build upon the core skills required to include how to work safely around animals, be responsible for the planning and carrying out animal husbandry health and handling, and feeding and nutrition. You will also learn about animal behaviour, animal breeds and welfare and animal biology. You can then learn further specialist skills such as caring for exotics, birds or fish, or skills for working in a kennels and cattery or a pet store.</p> <p>Centres and providers work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. Employers will provide demonstrations and talks on the industry and where possible work placements will also be provided by the employers. This practically based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the animal care and management industries or specialist further study.</p>
WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?	
Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?	<p>You might progress into the following roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal centre assistant • Kennel and cattery worker/supervisor • Animal hospital care assistant • Apprentice in an animal care business • Pet store assistant
Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?	This is typically a one year full-time course or you could take it alongside other Level 3 qualification such as A levels over a two year period. It equips you with the core skills and knowledge to enter employment in the animal care and management industries and enables progression to a broader range of options than the Technical Certificate. You would take this qualification if you really enjoy the hands-on aspects of working with animals and caring for their needs.

City & Guilds offers four sizes of Level 3 qualification in Animal Management: Certificate, Diploma (540), Extended Diploma (720) and Extended Diploma (1080).

You would take the Certificate if you want an introductory qualification to develop some of the core skills and knowledge required by employers in the animal care and management industries. The Certificate is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Diploma (540) if you want a qualification to develop some of the skills and knowledge that can lead to specific roles required by employers in the animal care and management industries. The Diploma is likely to be taken alongside other programmes such as GCSEs or AS Levels over a one-year course of study.

You would take the Extended Diploma (720) if you want to specialise, to develop most of the skills and knowledge required by employers in the animal care and management industries. The Extended Diploma (720) is likely to be taken as part of a full-time two year programme of study, or alongside other qualifications such as AS or A Levels over a longer period of time.

You would take the Extended Diploma (1080) if you want to specialise and develop the skills and knowledge required by employers in the animal care and management industries. The Extended Diploma (1080) is likely to be taken as a full-time programme of study over two years. By taking this large qualification, you will be exposed to, and have the opportunity to gain experience in, the wider animal care and management sector. This will enable you to progress to a diverse range of employment opportunities, as you will have gained hands-on experience over 2 years, which employers really value.

Will the qualification lead to further learning?

You may wish to progress onto an Advanced Apprenticeship in Animal Management, which allows you to combine working in a kennel or cattery, pet store, welfare centre or in a similar business, and typically attending one day a week at college or with a training provider.

You may wish to progress onto further learning within a Higher Education Institution.

You could study courses such as:

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

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

Employer/Higher Education Institutions	The Pet Industry Federation. The Royal Society for the Protection of Cruelty against Animals (RSPCA)
FURTHER INFORMATION	Please refer to the Qualification Handbook, available on the City & Guilds website, for more information on the structure of this qualification, the content of the units, and assessment.
