

## Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720) 601/7550/3**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This qualification is for you if you are aged 16-19, and want to work with animals either directly hands-on or within wider allied services or businesses. It provides you with a wide range of specialist technical practical skills, knowledge and understanding which will equip you to seek employment or further learning and training within the animal care and management industries.</p> <p>On successful completion of the qualification, you will be awarded with either the:</p> <p>Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Zoos and Wildlife) (720) Or Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Animal Management and Applied Science) (720)</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification gives you the opportunity to learn about and build on the essentials of working with and caring for animals which are 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 will then choose to specialise in either <b>zoos and wildlife</b> or <b>animal management and applied science</b>.</p> <p>Students choosing the zoos and wildlife option will study the following areas - wildlife ecology and conservation, wildlife management and rehabilitation, exotic animal husbandry and zoological collections, plus you will learn about further topics such as aquatics, avians or population surveys. These will prepare you for roles in wildlife settings or zoological collections.</p> <p>Those selecting the animal management and applied science will be developing the knowledge and skills through studying the following areas – pet sore management, kennel and cattery management and the fundamentals of science, plus you will learn about further topics such as animal training, animal nursing or inheritance and genetics. These will prepare you for careers either in more technical positions or within the animal care sector such as kennels and catteries.</p>

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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 industry or specialist further study.

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#### WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

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Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role and at what level?

This qualification exposes you to many parts of the animal care and management industries, and the opportunities within them. On completion, it is likely that you will enter the industry by working within an animal welfare organisation, a wildlife park or zoo, a veterinary practice or perhaps a business such as a pet store, feed company or dog grooming salon. As you will have gained a wide range of skills and knowledge over a wide range of units, you could progress within work to become a:

##### **In zoo and wildlife pathway**

- General worker (zoo)
- Assistant warden
- Wildlife assistant

##### **In animal management and applied science pathway**

- Kennel and cattery supervisor
- Dog grooming assistant
- Pet store assistant
- Animal feed sales representative
- Animal centre deputy manager

You may also wish to become self-employed, and undertake roles such as a freelance animal trainer.

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Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?

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This is typically delivered as a two course alongside another qualification such as an AS or A level. It offers a solid foundation for specialised study in different aspects of the animal care and management industry. You will gain a wide range of skills and knowledge that employers recognise and value. The two pathways contain a wide variety of units that offer you the opportunity to be exposed to a wide range of experiences working with animals, whilst studying a broader range of specialist skills.

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

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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.

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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.
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## WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?

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Employer/Higher Education  
Institutions

The Pet Industry Federation  
British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA)  
The Royal Society for the Protection of Cruelty against Animals  
(RSPCA)

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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.

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