

Purpose statement

The following purpose is for the **Technical Certificate in Animal Care (603/0833/3)**

Area	Description
OVERVIEW	
Who is this qualification for?	<p>This Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care is for you if you are looking to start a career within animal care industries.</p> <p>There are many diverse businesses and opportunities within this sector, for example pet shops, animal boarding establishments, animal sanctuaries, animal training (in entertainment, education, working animals such as uniformed/security dogs), pet animal grooming, animal welfare charities, animal care services (such as animal hydrotherapy, dog walkers/sitters), zoos and farm/wildlife parks (including wildlife rehabilitation), animal visitor attractions and animal related public services (e.g. dog/animal wardens).</p> <p>Working with animals is extremely rewarding, but it can require long hours with dedication and enthusiasm to be successful.</p> <p>This qualification is suitable if you are 16 years old, or over. You may or may not have any previous knowledge or experience in animal care.</p> <p>You will gain an understanding of the skills and knowledge that are important when you are working with animals, or progressing to further learning and training in this area.</p>
What does this qualification cover?	<p>This qualification covers the skills you will need to progress to further learning and training, or to enter the world of work in the animal care industries. You will study the following mandatory content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain animal health and welfare• Animal feeding and accommodation• Animal behaviour and handling• Working in the animal care industry• Health and safety for land-based industries <p>There is also a requirement to complete 150 hours of work experience.</p>

You will then have the choice of studying some of the following options:

- Animal nursing
- Animal breeds and grooming
- The principles of animal biology
- British wildlife species, habitats and rehabilitation
- Care of exotic animals
- Caring for zoo animals
- Caring for ornamental aquatics
- Kennels and catteries
- Introduction to caring for horses
- Presentation and service for retailing in the land-based sector
- Environmental land-based business
- Introduction to caring for livestock

The optional units can be chosen to reflect local or regional industry or business needs. They may help with your progression onto the Level 3 Technical qualifications where there maybe options, or pathways for you to choose from.

You will get lots of practice and support to enable you to develop the required skills and knowledge to prepare you for the learning and end assessment.

Colleges and training/education centres will work with local employers who will contribute to the knowledge and delivery of training. The different ways in which centres could support your learning, by working with both local and national animal care businesses, include:

- structured work-experience or work-placements within their business
- your attendance at classes or lectures given by industry experts
- employers input into projects and exercises
- employers who act as 'expert witnesses' to contribute to the assessment of your work.

This practical based training is ideal preparation for gaining employment in the animal care industry or further specialist study.

WHAT COULD THIS QUALIFICATION LEAD TO?

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

Achievement of this qualification demonstrates to an employer that you have the necessary technical skills and knowledge they are looking for when recruiting for a:

- trainee animal care assistant
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trainee animal care worker • trainee pet shop assistant • trainee kennel or cattery worker
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<p>Why choose this qualification over similar qualifications?</p>	<p>There are no other College-based qualifications within this suite at this Level.</p>
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<p>Will the qualification lead to further learning?</p>	<p>Yes. Once you have successfully completed this qualification, you could go on to study a Level 3 College-based qualification over one year, or two years.</p>
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Over one year:

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate in Animal Management
- Level 3 Advanced Technical Diploma in Animal Management
- (540)

Over two years:

- Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (720) (Zoos/Wildlife) or (Animal Management/Applied Science)
- Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (1080) (Zoos) or (Wildlife) or (Animal Management) or (Applied Science)

The larger qualifications taken over two years will allow you to specialise in zoos, wildlife, animal management or applied science which could lead to a greater range of more diverse career opportunities.

This qualification could also lead you to an apprenticeship in Animal Care:

- Intermediate Apprenticeship, including the Level 2 Diploma in Work-based Animal Care
- Advanced Apprenticeship, including the Level 3 Diploma in Work-based Animal Management

WHO SUPPORTS THIS QUALIFICATION?	
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<p>Professional/Trade Association</p>	<p>The Pet Industry Federation. The British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums The National Farmers Union.</p>
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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.
