



Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Dear Susie

The RSPCA is a large animal welfare charity that employs in excess of 1500 staff and a similar number of volunteers across a range of different animal centres and other sites in England and Wales. The RSPCA re-homed 53,263 animals from its animal centres in 2014. To do this the RSPCA requires well qualified and experienced staff. The RSPCA prides itself on basing its work on scientific evidence and to that end has a Science Group that is a centre of expertise which provides the scientific basis that helps enable the Society to advance animal welfare effectively.

City & Guilds Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management (Applied science) (1080)

The RSPCA has had the opportunity to comment and feedback on the above qualification during their development. We believe that the qualification contains the core practical skills and knowledge that are focussed on animal care, health and welfare, plus a wide range of skills related to science and research that would give a young person an advantage if they wanted to progress into employment in roles such as:

Research assistant (desk-based)

These skills and knowledge include:

Understanding of the importance of safe working practices with animals, animal health and welfare, animal handling, animal housing and accommodation, animal feeding and nutrition, animal breeds and breeding, animal anatomy and physiology, science fundamentals, inheritance and genetics, cell biology, chemistry for technicians, biochemistry and microbiology and scientific writing. The investigative project would also give a good opportunity to undertake some in-depth research. A period of work experience with animal is also important.

The RSPCA confirms that we consent to this letter being available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

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