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Dear Susie

BIAZA is the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums. We are the professional body representing the best zoos and aquariums in Britain and Ireland.

We have over 100 zoo and aquarium members who pride themselves on their excellent animal welfare, education and conservation work. BIAZA leads and supports its members and helps promote the work of good zoos and aquariums.

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

BIAZA members have been consulted on the zoo pathway within the above qualification. We feel that this provides the necessary skills and knowledge that could potentially allow a young person to progress into employment as a trainee zoo keeper or trainee aquarist. Working in a zoo requires dedication and hard work, and core husbandry and welfare skills are key to working with animals, particularly zoo species.

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The skills and knowledge listed below are relevant to employers within the zoo sector:

- Health and safety
- Work experience
- Animal health and husbandry
- Nutrition and feeding
- Biological systems
- Animal welfare and breeding
- Animal behaviour and animal communication
- Site maintenance and repairs
- Customer care

BIAZA promotes the values of good zoos and aquariums.

It leads and supports its members:

- to inspire people to help conserve the natural world
- to participate in effective co-operative conservation programmes
- to deliver the highest quality environmental education, training and research
- to achieve the highest standards of animal care and welfare in zoos and aquariums, and in the wild



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- Business skills
- Exotic health and husbandry
- Zoological collections
- Avian health and husbandry
- Aquatics health and husbandry
- Fish biology
- Marine aquarium systems

BIAZA would recognise the achievement of this qualification as suitable for entry into work within a wildlife setting.

We consent to this letter being available on the City & Guilds website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirsten Pullen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Kirsten Pullen,
CEO BIAZA