



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 (Animal Management and Applied Science) (720)

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 range of further skills that would give a young person an advantage if they wanted to progress into employment in roles such as:

Animal centre deputy manager
Kennel and cattery supervisor

These skills and knowledge include:

Safe working with animals, animal health and husbandry, animal feeding and nutrition, animal behaviour and breeding and welfare and kennel and cattery management. Dog grooming, dog walking/pet sitting, animal biology, animal nursing and animal training and experience with exotics, birds and aquatics would be useful depending upon the species that the role related to. If the roles is customer facing then skills such as customer care and retail knowledge would be needed. Also, a period of work experience with animals is essential.

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

Yours sincerely

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