

ANIMAL CARE L1/2

Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care

When Delivered:	One afternoon per week over two years
Qualification title:	Pearson BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care
Awarding Body:	Pearson BTEC

Introduction to the subject

The BTEC Animal Care course has been developed to provide an engaging introduction into the animal care sector for learners aged 14 and above. Animal care is a vital sub-sector within the land-based industry and is important to the UK economy.

This course is designed to give an introductory overview to some of the key principles, knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to the animal care sector. The course is assessed by practical observations and written tasks such as essays, reports and poster presentations.

Course Content

(Units may change)

Animal Breeds and Grooming

Investigating various animal breeds and how they were first domesticated. By understanding breeding as a science learners will gain an understanding of evolution, Darwin's theory, survival of the fittest and natural selection. This will continue with looking at modern day breeds of animals and breed societies. It will also include how to groom and bath to maintain different coats of animals as part of daily husbandry routines.

Animal Feeding

This unit will prepare learners for feeding a variety of species and can be linked to health care and enrichment by learning about different ways to present food to animals to mentally stimulate them. Feeding animals does not just include feed, but also necessary equipment, feeding different life stages, and how to monitor and record food and water intake.

Animal Housing

Choosing the right kind of accommodation for animals and then preparing, maintaining and cleaning is an essential part of looking after animals. In this unit you will explore how to select and prepare animal accommodation in line with different animal's needs.

Animal Behaviour and Handling

In this unit, you will learn about the normal behaviour that we expect to see in animals, as well as abnormal behaviours that may be caused by an animal's environment. Knowing that certain behaviours are abnormal will alert you to the fact that something is wrong. Safe animal handling is a daily activity when dealing with animals. There are many different techniques used to handle and restrain animals in a commercial setting while also maintaining the animal's welfare and safety. This unit will help you become competent in handling and restraining a range of animals. It will also give you the opportunity to develop the essential skills you will need in order to handle and restrain animals in a commercial setting.

Dress code for practical:

- Hair tied back
- Suitable footwear (wellies/boots)
- Suitable clothing i.e. trousers, fleece / jumper, wet weather gear
- Labcoats provided at college

Location of delivery

Coleg Cambria Llysfasi