Animal Care and Land-based Industries

Land-Based Studies - Animal Care Pathway

Campus: Dearne Valley College
Code: D10SP08
Level: 1

About This Course

This
course is the perfect starting point if you have a passion for animals and want to build the practical skills needed for a rewarding career in the animal care industry. Designed as a hands-on introduction, this qualification will teach you the fundamentals of animal husbandry, how to work safely around different species, and how to support their everyday health and
wellbeing.

What Will I Study?

You could study
a range of topics, including:

- Safe and effective
  working practices in land-based industries

- Assist
  with maintaining the health and wellbeing of animals

- Assist with the care of animals

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Assist with the
movement, handling and accommodation of animals

- Animals in the wild
  and their main features

- Assist
  with feeding and watering animals

- Assist
  with the handling and restraint of animals

Why Study Here?

You will gain valuable, hands-on
experience in our dedicated animal care facilities, working with a diverse range of domestic, exotic, and farm animals. Our passionate, industry-experienced staff will support you every step of the way, helping you build your confidence and practical skills in a supportive, welcoming environment tailored for entry-level learners.

Entry Requirements

There are no formal academic entry requirements, making this an ideal starting point for anyone with a genuine passion for animal care. However, a basic standard of literacy and numeracy (such as GCSEs at grades 1-2 or Entry Level 3) is advantageous. You will be required to attend an informal interview to ensure this is the right course for you and demonstrate your enthusiasm for working with animals.

How To Apply

You can apply using our online application form and clicking the Apply Now button at the top of this page. For more information and support with your enquiry or application please contact Student Services by emailing learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk or by calling 01709 513333.

What Courses Can I Progress Onto?

Successfully
completing this course will give you the foundation needed to progress onto
Level 2 Extended Certificate in Animal Care.

Tuition Fees

16-18 year olds do not need to pay course
fees

Additional Information

This course is specifically designed for learners who prefer a practical, hands-on learning environment over purely academic study. It is ideal for those who love being around animals and want to take their first foundational steps into the animal and land-based sectors.

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