Animal Care and Land-based Industries

Award in Canine Emergency First Aid

Campus: Dearne Valley College
Code: D10AC06
Level: 3

About This Course

This qualification is perfect for dog owners and professionals alike who want to be prepared should a pet need emergency treatment. The course covers the most commonly faced canine emergencies, offering an excellent balance of theoretical and practical learning to ensure you have the knowledge required to handle an emergency first aid situation confidently. This is highly recommended knowledge for anybody wishing to work in the animal care industry.

What Will I Study?

You will learn to manage various canine emergencies. Key topics include:

- The objectives of first aid and how to manage canine behaviour in emergency situations.
- Conducting a DR ABC (primary survey), including how to take a dog’s temperature, pulse, and respiration rate.
- Examining an injured animal and taking action to manage shock.
- Practical skills: applying bandages and conducting CPR on a mannequin.
- Identifying different types of wounds and fractures and applying appropriate first aid.

- Managing and treating choking, stings, poisoning, hyperthermia, hypothermia, water inhalation, convulsions, gastric torsion, burns, and electrocution.

- Assembling a canine emergency first aid kit and communicating effectively during emergencies.

Why Study Here?

You will benefit from face-to-face teaching that contains a large amount of practical, hands-on learning alongside theoretical delivery. You will have the opportunity to practice your skills using models, mannequins, and live dogs wherever possible to build real-world confidence.

Entry Requirements

You must be a minimum of 16 years of age.You must be capable of working at a Level 3 standard.

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 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?

This is an excellent complementary qualification that will support progression into further Level 3 Animal Management qualifications or specialised courses like Dog Grooming.

Tuition Fees

Total fees are ??120.

Additional Information

Part-time (One-day course consisting of 6 hours of face-to-face teaching).Casual clothing is highly recommended due to the physical nature of the practical first aid application.Please note that it is recommended (and often mandatory for professionals) to update your Canine First Aid qualification every 3 years.

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