

**Curriculum Intent.** Learners interested in working with small animals in the land-based sector, this qualification provides a practical introduction. Learners will gain work-related skills in the area of small animal care, develop employability skills, and prepare for further training. Learners will complete this qualification with a concrete understanding of the following: How to recognise important body parts of small animals, their function, and parts that are commonly checked for health. The optional units include: Check That a Small Animal is Healthy, Process Customer Orders for Goods in a Retail Environment, Assist with animal accommodation, and more.

Term	Learning outcomes	Assessment criteria	
1	Recognise Types and Parts of the Body of Small Animals Be able to recognise species, and parts of the body, of small animals	1.1 Recognise species of small animals 1.2 Recognise parts of the body of small animals 1.3 State key differences between animal species 1.4 State how one animal species moves 1.5 Maintain own safety and hygiene throughout operations	Entry Level 3
2	Assist With Catching and Restraining a Small Animal. Be able to catch and restrain a small animal	1.1 Recognise suitable equipment for catching and restraining small animals 1.2 Assist with catching a small animal 1.3 Assist with restraining a small animal 1.4 Identify equipment used to move/transport small animals 1.5 Move/transport a small animal from one location to another 1.6 Maintain own safety and hygiene throughout operations 1.7 Give a reason why care should be taken when moving and restraining animals	Entry Level 3
3	Check That a Small Animal is Healthy. Be able to restrain and complete a health check on a small animal. Know the signs of good health in a small animal.	1.1 Prepare to restrain a small animal 1.2 Restrain a small animal 1.3 Recognise areas of the body for checking to establish health 1.4 Identify signs of good health in small animals 1.5 Maintain own safety and hygiene throughout operations. 2.1 State the signs which indicate that a small animal is healthy	Entry Level 3
4	Groom a Small Animal. Be able to groom a small animal	1.1 Give a reason for grooming a small animal 1.2 Recognise items of grooming equipment 1.3 Restrain a small animal for grooming 1.4 Groom a small animal 1.5 Use, clean and store PPE, tools and equipment safely 1.6 Maintain the safety of self, others and animals during the operation 1.7 State why PPE needs to be worn	Entry Level 3
5	Principles of the Movement and Handling of Small Animals Know how to move animals on a site. Know how to handle animals	1.1 State the correct methods of handling the animals concerned 1.2 State normal and abnormal behaviour in the animals concerned 1.3 State the normal pace of movement for the animals concerned 1.4 State why it is important to approach animals in a calm manner which promotes confidence	Level 1

		<p>1.5 State the risks that there are when moving animals and how they can be minimised</p> <p>1.6 State how to settle animals in a new place, and why this is important</p> <p>1.7 State the organisational health and safety and animal welfare policy in relation to moving animals and their responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation</p> <p>2.1 State how and where to obtain information about the temperament and usual behaviour patterns of an animal</p> <p>2.2 List safe and effective methods of handling animals</p> <p>2.3 State why it is important to monitor an animal's response to handling, signs of negative responses, why and to whom these should be reported</p> <p>2.4 State the potential consequences of not reporting changes in an animal's behaviour, its reaction to handling or factors that affect the animal's behaviour</p> <p>2.5 List the different factors that can affect an animal's behaviour and what to do if these are observed</p> <p>2.6 State their responsibility for safe and effective animal handling under relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>	
6	<p>Recognise Types of Foods and Feed Small Animals</p> <p>Be able to feed and water small animals</p>	<p>1.1 Recognise food commonly fed to small animals</p> <p>1.2 Recognise feeding equipment for small animals</p> <p>1.3 Recognise types of watering systems for small animals</p> <p>1.4 Feed and water small animals</p> <p>1.5 Give a reason for providing the correct amount of food for animals</p> <p>1.6 Give a reason for making sure water is always available</p> <p>1.7 Use, clean and store PPE, tools and equipment safely</p> <p>1.8 Maintain the safety of self, others and animals during feeding and watering</p>	Entry Level 2
7	<p>Assist With Animal Accommodation</p> <p>Be able to assist with cleaning animal accommodation. Be able to assist with maintaining animal accommodation</p>	<p>1.1 Prepare the equipment and materials for the work</p> <p>1.2 Prepare the animal accommodation ready for cleaning</p> <p>1.3 Clean the animal's accommodation in accordance with instructions</p> <p>1.4 Leave the animal accommodation in the appropriate condition after cleaning</p> <p>1.5 Maintain health and safety, and the welfare of the animals, during their work</p> <p>2.1 Check the animal accommodation in accordance with instructions</p> <p>2.2 Keep the animal accommodation safe and secure</p> <p>2.3 Correctly identify and report any hazards</p> <p>2.4 Dispose of waste in a safe manner and place</p>	Level 1

8	<p>Assist With the Movement and Handling of Small Animals</p> <p>Assist with moving animals on a site. Assist with handling animals.</p>	<p>1.1 Approach the animals calmly, confidently and in a way that is likely to minimise stress</p> <p>1.2 Assist with moving animals in accordance with instructions</p> <p>1.3 Assist with moving animals without damage to the health, safety and well-being of the animal or self</p> <p>1.4 Help to settle the animals in the new location in accordance with instructions</p> <p>1.5 Maintain health and safety, and the welfare of the animals, during their work</p> <p>2.1 Approach animals in accordance with instructions</p> <p>2.2 Handle animals in a manner likely to promote their co-operation and minimise the possibility of distress</p> <p>2.3 Handle animals in a manner that minimises the possibility of risk to the health and safety of the animal, self and other animals and people in the environment</p> <p>2.4 Monitor the animal's behaviour and its response to handling and report any problems to the appropriate person without delay</p> <p>2.5 Use handling methods, which promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice</p>	Level 1
9	<p>Show Visitors around a Small Animal Enterprise</p> <p>Be able to greet and show visitors around a small animal unit.</p>	<p>1.1 Present self appropriately</p> <p>1.2 Conduct self appropriately and politely</p> <p>1.3 Give a reason for greeting visitors politely</p> <p>1.4 Show visitors around the unit</p> <p>1.5 State why visitors should not touch animals</p>	Entry Level 3