

Apprenticeship Standard

(England only)



Animal Care and Welfare Assistant

Industry	Land-Based	Lantra code	ST0397
Level	2	Typical duration	12-18 months
Funding band	£5,000	EPA cost	£800
Venue	Workplace		

Introduction to this Apprenticeship Standard

Animal Care and Welfare Assistants look after the routine day to day husbandry and care of domestic and/or wild animals under guidance in a variety of diverse settings.

The work is carried out individually or as part of a team in places such as kennels and catteries, laboratories, animal welfare centres, farm parks, rehabilitation centres, retail outlets and in the transportation of animals. Animal Care and Welfare Assistants must have a strong work ethic and be prepared to work irregular hours in all weather conditions. They must maintain safe working practices, taking responsibility for themselves, animals and others.

Typical job roles include kennel/cattery assistant; animal technician, animal welfare assistant; animal day care assistant; animal collection officer; wildlife rehabilitation assistant; zoo keeper assistant, pet retail assistant, animal handler, veterinary care assistant, farm park assistant.



On Programme Apprentice Activity and Tracking

Apprentices will need to achieve the core skills, knowledge and behaviours and an optional route in order to achieve this Apprenticeship:

- **A Portfolio**
- **A record of Off-the-Job Training** – this is training that must occur for a minimum of 20% of the time the Apprentice is paid to work and is training delivered outside of their normal working duties – to develop a wider understanding of the industry.





Mandatory Qualifications

English and Mathematics qualifications in line with the Apprenticeship funding rules.



Gateway Criteria

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End Point Assessment (EPA) – Demonstrating Learning

The End Point Assessment consists of two distinct elements and the assessments will span one day and be at the Apprentices' work location. The assessments can be completed in any order:

Observation with questions and answers

The Apprentice will be observed one-to-one by the Assessor, completing a practical assessment consisting of two tasks of practical skills where they will demonstrate their skills, behaviours and underlying knowledge, as required by the Standard.

The assessment time will be approximately 2 hours inclusive of 30 minutes for questioning following the assessments.

Professional Discussion underpinned by a portfolio of evidence

The Professional Discussion is a structured one-to-one discussion between the Apprentice and the Assessor. The discussion will take approximately 1 hour and will use the Apprentices Portfolio to covers all areas of their achievement, standard of work and approach, underpinning and applied knowledge, skills and behaviours.



Apprenticeship Certification

Certificates are issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and sent directly to the Apprentice's employer.



How Lantra can help

- We are specialists in environmental and land-based industries
- We offer good value and cost-effective EPA
- Our Assessors meet and exceed the requirements of the assessment plan
- We offer our service across the whole of England
- We use ACE360 - an apprenticeship standards management system - to manage EPA
- We are experts in the delivery of Apprenticeship Frameworks and National Occupational Standards
- With a 40-year history, delivering high quality, specialist support to the land-based industries is in our DNA.



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