Animal Care and Land-based Industries

Technical Certificate in Animal Care

Campus: Dearne Valley College
Code: D10SP10
Level: 2

About This Course

This course focuses on the major principles and practices of animal care and welfare and offers a fantastic foundation for anyone looking to build a rewarding career working with animals. It provides essential hands-on experience and fundamental knowledge in core areas such as animal welfare, feeding, accommodation, safe handling, and basic biology. This practical skillset not only boosts your confidence and competence but also significantly enhances your employability for roles in veterinary practices, boarding kennels, animal rescue centers, and pet shops. Furthermore, it serves as an excellent stepping stone for further education, seamlessly bridging the gap to level 3 courses or specialized training like veterinary nursing.

What Will I Study?

You could study a range of topics, including:

- Maintain Animal Health and Welfare
- Undertake Practical Animal Feeding
- Maintain Animal Accommodation
- The Principles and Practices of Animal Behaviour and Handling

Why Study Here?

During your studies, you will be able to make full use of the College’s working animal collection Employability skills, with excellent links with employers in industry.

Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs at Grade 3 or above to include English and Maths or a Level 1 Vocational Qualification plus English and Maths at Functional Skills Level 1

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?

Successfully completing this course will give you the foundation needed to progress onto Level 3 Technical Certificate in Animal Management.

Tuition Fees

16-18 year olds do not need to pay course fees
Those aged 19 or over may not need to pay fees depending on their circumstances. Find out if you qualify for help with fees
If you need further advice or guidance please contact the Enquiries Team on 01709 513333.

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 outdoors and want to take their first foundational steps into the animal and land-based sectors.

PLEASE NOTE

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