

**Animal Care City & Guilds
Technical Certificate Level 2**



Duchy College, Stoke Climsland

Course Code: 10148-DSC-26

Study Programme Manager: Caroline Bilton

THE FOLLOWING PPE IS COMPULSORY FOR PRACTICAL ANIMAL WORK:

- Overalls
- Steel toe-capped boots or wellies
- Polo shirt with Duchy College logo

PPE can be purchased from: [Duchy College logo uniform from PVM Supplies](#)

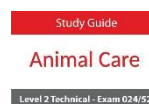
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT FOR YOUR COURSE:

- You may also want to purchase waterproof clothing and a Duchy College sweatshirt
- It is recommended that students have a laptop or tablet but they remain the learner's responsibility if on campus
- For practical work, long hair must be tied back, ALL jewellery and piercings removed, and no hoodies worn. False/artificial, painted nails are not allowed in practical sessions.

RECOMMENDED READING:

City and Guilds. (2021). Animal Management Study Guide – Level 2 Technical (Exam 024/524) –

This is the exam/synoptic revision guide and is highly recommended to have.



OTHER COURSE RELATED DETAILS:

Visits and trips take place throughout this course, giving the student maximum contact with as many animal organisations as possible. There will be a cost for some trips - these costs will kept be as low as possible and cover entrance fees, workshops, travel, insurance and any accommodation if overnight.

COLLEGE DAYS

This course is a Level 2 one-year study programme. The course will be run over five days, Monday to Friday.

Course Aim

The course is designed to teach students the necessary skills to prepare them for a career within the animal industry.

Learners can expect to gain a wide variety of skills and knowledge from a range of units related to care of animals, along with personal development and employability skills through timetabled sessions. Maths and English skills are developed as part of the study programme and both are embedded in subject specialist and dedicated sessions within the timetable.

All our teaching staff have a wide range of experience in the animal industry and offer extensive academic support to learners. Each learner has a dedicated Study Programme Manager and there is further pastoral support available from the Student Services team.

Academic Qualifications

There are a variety of progression options at the end of the year and each learner may discuss these individually with their Study Programme Manager. Progression to a Level 3 programme will be dependent on successful achievement of the course and meeting Maths and English entry requirements.

Work Experience Placement

All learners must undertake work experience at least 150 hours in the animal industry. There will be block weeks built into the course timetable for WEX, in January and May. Learners are asked to source their own work placements, and we have Work Experience coordinators here who can help if you are having difficulty.

All work experience placements will be health and safety checked by the college before a learner can start working there. Paperwork for this will be issued when we receive notification that a learner has secured a placement. Placements must be completed by May half term 2027.

Extra-Curricular Activities

This Level 2 course lasts for approximately 35 weeks and as with most college courses students do not attend at weekends. However, some activities require students to attend on a weekend including some trips and the Family Fun Day in June.

Induction Days – Welcome Week

Please make every effort to attend both Welcome Days to have a strong start on the course – you will meet your tutor, complete essential paperwork, have a tour, meet your new classmates and gain essential information regarding your course including your timetable. The Welcome Days are on 3rd and 4th September 2026.