

## Level 3 – Extended Diploma in Animal Management

- Starts:** Autumn Term
- Course Length:** 24 Months – on a full-time basis (five days a week)
- Location:** Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital, Haddenham (near Aylesbury)
- English/Maths:** Students must have achieved a 9-4 (A\* to C) in both English Language and Mathematics (plus Science) at GCSE to undertake this course, or entry to another animal care course may be offered.

### About the course

Focussing upon the major principles and practices of animal care and welfare, from managing a pet shop or grooming dogs to caring for exotic animals, you will be able to start or build on a career in the Animal Care Industry. You may have some experience in animal care or have gained your Level 2 qualification. You want to develop the skills to be a more senior worker or manager, or to prepare for higher-level training. You'll gain an in-depth insight into the techniques and science of animal management. You will cover topics including animal biology, husbandry and animal nutrition. You'll also gain plenty of practical experience in your choice of skills, from wildlife surveys to animal training. Learning will be through practical sessions, group discussions, research and assignments.

### Progression

Learners may go onto Higher Education as this qualification has UCAS points (varies depending on final grade achieved).

### Days

**Wednesdays, Thursdays, two other week days, plus one day at the weekend.**

***Note:** we run year-round including Bank Holidays, not term time only. Students can take 28 days pre-booked holiday each academic year.*

### Entry Requirements

4 GCSEs including English, Maths and Science at grade 4 / C or above.

OR

Level 2 Animal Care Diploma at overall Merit grade with a Distinction in the Biology unit, as well as Maths & English at passing grade.

Plus independent study skills are required to work at this level

All students need to be enthusiastic, complete a successful interview, plus attend every day of a hands-on trial week.

### What careers could this lead to?

Achieving this qualification may help you work in roles such as: Kennel and cattery worker/supervisor; Pet store assistant/supervisor; Animal Hospital care assistant; Wildlife assistant; Dog grooming assistant; Animal feed sales rep; Pet Sitter or Dog Walker; Trainee zoo keeper or aquarist; Trainee animal husbandry technician

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### YEAR ONE:

- Unit 301 Understand and Promote Animal Health
- Unit 302 Manage Animal Accommodation
- Unit 303 Understand Animal Anatomy and Physiology
- Unit 304 Plan and Monitor Animal Feeding
- Unit 305 Understand the Principles of Animal Biology
- Unit 306 Undertake Animal Handling and Safe Working
- Unit 307 Undertake and Review Work Related Experience in the Land-Based Industries
- Unit 308 Undertake an Investigation Project in the Land-Based Sector
- Unit 310 Understand and Interpret Animal Behaviour and Communication
- Unit 314 Understand the Principles and Carry Out the Practise of Exotic Animal Care and Husbandry

***Students must pass all units in Year One, plus achieve a Merit or above in the Animal Biology unit in order to enrol onto the Year Two course***

### YEAR TWO:

- Unit 319 Understand the Principles of Animal Nutrition
- Unit 321 Understand the Principles and Carry out the Practise of Avian Health and Management
- Unit 322 Understand the Principles and Carry Out the Practise of Biochemistry and Microbiology
- Unit 323 Participate in Business Planning and Improvement in the Land-Based Sector
- Unit 325 Understand the Principles and Carry Out the Practise of Wildlife Population Surveys, Ecology and Conservation
- Unit 326 Understand and Undertake Wildlife Management and Rehabilitation
- Unit 328 Undertake Retail Merchandising for the Land-Based Sector
- Unit 330 Undertake Estate Skills
- Unit 333 Understand the Principles of Inheritance and Genetic Manipulation

### Plus

Students will also cover CV writing, job applications, interview techniques, team working, dealing with the public and employability skills, across the two years.

### 2019/20 - Fees & Funding Support

On enrolment, **ALL students** will need to provide a course contribution fee, which covers uniform tops (in year one only), stationery and local visits. This is not covered by course fees/funding. For Year One this is £90.00 and for Year Two this is £40.00.

16-18 year-old students are exempt from tuition and registration fees.

19+ Course fees are **£1,449 per academic year**. Payment in instalments may be possible but needs to be agreed in advance.

19-24 year olds may qualify for full or partial course fees funding, depending on eligibility criteria.