

# BTEC LEVEL 2 TECHNICAL DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL CARE

## Why this Course?

The Northfleet Community Farm provides the perfect setting for students looking to develop their knowledge and experience of keeping and caring for a range of different animals. This qualification allows learners to develop knowledge whilst practising the skills and behaviour that could be used within employment in the animal care industry.

This qualification has been developed in consultation with employers in the animal care sector to ensure it enables learners to develop the skills and behaviours that will give them the best opportunity to be successful when applying for work.

The areas learners will cover include:

- practical animal health
- animal biology and health
- animal care work placement
- animal welfare
- animal behaviour assessment and safe handling
- feeding, accommodation and moving animals.

## Student Profile

Students should have a keen interest in animals and not be afraid to muck in and get their hands dirty! There is a balance of theory and practical in areas such as maintaining animal health and welfare, feeding, maintaining animal environments,

animal handling and the basics of animal biology, so students should be prepared to complete both the coursework and practical elements of assessment.

## Assessment

Learners will need to complete and achieve all units:

**Unit 1: Practical Animal Health**  
60 min practical assignment

**Unit 2: Introduction to Animal Biology and Health**  
60 min on-screen test

**Unit 3: Animal Care Work Placement**  
60min practical task

**Unit 4: Animal Welfare**  
60min practical task

**Unit 5: Animal Behaviour Assessment and Safe Handling**  
60min practical assignment

**Unit 6: Feeding, Accommodating and Moving Animals**  
60min synoptic practical assignment

## Progression

Apprenticeship in animal welfare.

Careers: Animal Care Worker, Animal Care Assistant, Kennel Worker, Cattery Worker.

## COURSE DETAILS

### Course Title

BTEC Level 2 Technical Diploma in Animal Care

### Exam Board

Pearson

### Course Length & Qualification

1-year Level 2 BTEC Technical Diploma

### Entry requirements

Minimum of 5 passes at GCSE at Grade 2 or above

### Compatible subjects

Biology, Practical Horticulture