

The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Animal Care is for learners who want to acquire sector-specific knowledge and practical skills through vocational contexts.

The qualification enables learners to develop their practical skills, such as using appropriate equipment and techniques to handle and restrain different animals, and to prepare and clean out animal accommodation ready for use using realistic vocational contexts. It will also develop personal skills, such as self-management and communication, through a practical and skills-based approach to learning and assessment.

What skills are needed for this course?

- The confidence to carry out practical work independently and in groups
- An ability to plan and work to deadlines
- Enthusiasm for animals

The course aims to:

- develop students understanding of animal health and welfare, including signs of good and ill health, causes, transmission and treatment of common diseases in animals, the different health and monitoring checks, and the use of animals in society
- guide students to identify factors affecting animal behaviour, the impact on handling and restraint, and when it is safe and unsafe to handle and restrain animals, and the practical application of safe handling and restraint techniques and equipment
- enable students to understand features that need to be considered when selecting accommodation for animals and support them to carry out practical activities of preparing, checking and cleaning out animal accommodation using the appropriate equipment.

Coursework:

60% coursework – 2 components animal handling and animal housing and accommodation, tasks include written reports and practical recordings

Examination:

1 hour Animal Health and Welfare exam – worth 40% of grade

Progression pathways to further and higher education:

- A Levels as preparation for entry to higher education in a range of subjects
- Pearson BTEC Level 3 National in Animal Management, which prepares learners to enter employment or apprenticeships.
- Progression to employment via apprenticeships

Career opportunities:

Veterinary sector, RSPCA animal welfare officer, rehoming centre technician, wildlife rehabilitation, assistance animal training, zookeeper