

LANNCU37 - SQA Unit Code F8HW 04

Establish and maintain animals within their accommodation



Overview

This standard is about establishing and maintaining accommodation for animals. Accommodation is that which is constructed or prepared specifically for animals. The elements are:

1. Establish accommodation for animals
2. Maintain animal accommodation

Element 1 covers establishing accommodation for animals. This involves selecting and preparing the accommodation ready for use by animals, setting up suitable environmental conditions, and introducing the animals to the accommodation.

Element 2 covers maintaining animal accommodation. This involves maintaining environmental conditions, carrying out cleaning, and replacing any ancillary materials.

You will be fully aware of the importance of relevant health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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- P1 maintain the **health and welfare** of animals throughout
- P2 prepare and maintain the necessary equipment and materials for use
- P3 select accommodation according to specified requirements
- P4 establish accommodation in a safe, secure and clean state which maintains animal health and well-being
- P5 establish suitable **environmental conditions** for the animals
- P6 identify potential hazards and take the appropriate action to remove them
- P7 introduce animals to the accommodation in a way which maintains their **health and welfare**
- P8 carry out your work according to relevant legislation and codes of practice

You must be able to:

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- P9 maintain the **health and well-being** of the animals throughout
- P10 dispose of **waste** safely and correctly
- P11 monitor and maintain **environmental conditions** to promote the health and well-being of animals
- P12 carry out cleaning routines according to the animal accommodation and specification
- P13 replace any necessary materials and fittings correctly when cleaning is complete
- P14 maintain the conditions, safety and security of the animals during cleaning operations
- P15 wear the appropriate protective clothing during cleaning
- P16 deal with any difficulties within the limits of your authority and report any that you cannot deal with
- P17 carry out your work according to relevant legislation and codes of practice

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 the accommodation which is suitable for the animals with which you are working
- K2 how to promote the health and well-being of animals
- K3 methods of checking whether the accommodation is suitable for animals
- K4 the different factors which should be taken into account when preparing accommodation in a safe, secure and clean state
- K5 the materials (e.g. bedding) and environmental conditions which animals need within their accommodation to maintain their health and well-being
- K6 the potential hazards which may occur in accommodation and how these can be minimised
- K7 methods of handling animals safely
- K8 methods of introducing animals to the accommodation which minimises their stress and optimises their acceptance
- K9 the specific needs of special care animals and how these should be considered
- K10 own responsibilities under relevant health and safety legislation in relation to self and others

You need to know and understand:

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- K11 the relationship between maintaining animal accommodation and promoting animal health and well-being
- K12 how to dispose of organic and inorganic waste
- K13 the environmental conditions which promote the health and well-being of animals
- K14 reasons for monitoring environmental conditions and reporting variations
- K15 the consequences of failing to monitor effectively or not reporting variations
- K16 cleaning routines appropriate to the animal species concerned and the accommodation in which they are being kept
- K17 the effects which different cleaning methods and materials may have on the health and well-being of animals and how to minimise any detrimental effect
- K18 materials and fittings used to maintain well-being of animals using accommodation
- K19 implications of failing to maintain environmental conditions
- K20 organisational health and safety and animal welfare policy and your own responsibility under relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation
- K21 the specific needs of special care animals and how these should be considered

K22 recognition of stress within animals

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

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1. **environmental conditions:**
 - 1.1. ventilation
 - 1.2. light
 - 1.3. structure
 - 1.4. temperature
2. consider the following aspects of animal **health and welfare:**
 - 2.1. the suitability of accommodation to the animal concerned
 - 2.2. allowing the necessary freedom of movement
 - 2.3. minimising animal stress
 - 2.4. the intended length of stay in the accommodation

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3. **health and well-being:**
 - 3.1. the suitability of accommodation to the animal concerned
 - 3.2. allowing the necessary freedom of movement
 - 3.3. minimising animal stress
4. manage these types of **waste:**
 - 4.1. organic
 - 4.2. inorganic
5. **environmental conditions:**
 - 5.1. ventilation
 - 5.2. light
 - 5.3. structure
 - 5.4. temperature

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