

LANNCU41 - SQA Unit Code F8HX 04

Handle and care for animals to enable them to work effectively



Overview

This standard is about handling animals to enable them to work effectively and care for them after they have worked. The work undertaken is not specified but will include any situations where individuals need to handle animals effectively so that the animals' skills can be used to support the work outcomes of people. The type of activities which are likely to be covered are: dogs working as guide dogs, hearing dogs, gun dogs, cattle or sheep dogs; horses working to transport items from one place to another such as in extracting trees from a forest or in pulling carts, drays or ploughs.

The elements are:

1. Handle animals to enable them to work effectively
2. Care for animals after they have worked

Element 1 is concerned with how animals should be handled safely and effectively in order for them to work. It considers methods of handling, control and encouragement in order to promote health, safety and well-being, effects of the environment on the animal and the resources required for effective work to be carried out. It also includes legislation and codes of practice.

Element 2 is about the care of animals after they have worked. It considers their dietary and exercise requirements after work, preparation of the environment they are to be returned to, how to monitor their health and well-being after work and the range of welfare requirements for different animals following work.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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- P1 correctly prepare the animal for work
- P2 move the animal and introduce it to the working environment in a manner which minimises stress
- P3 check **resources** are suitable for the planned work
- P4 handle and **control** the animal in a way which is likely to optimise its performance and maintain its safety
- P5 maintain **control** in a manner which encourages the animal to achieve its potential and minimise stress
- P6 encourage the animal to perform to the best of its ability and offer the appropriate reward and praise
- P7 take the necessary action if the animal is not realising its potential or unexpected circumstances arise
- P8 use working methods and systems that promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

You must be able to:

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- P9 maintain the health and safety of the animal throughout
- P10 prepare conditions for the safe receipt of the animal following work
- P11 **care** for the animal to maintain and promote its health and well-being
- P12 assess the health and condition of the animal and take the appropriate action
- P13 re-establish the animal in its living conditions to ensure comfort and safety
- P14 use working methods and systems that promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 the different preparations which are necessary to enable the animal to work effectively in relation to its type, breed and the work which it has to do
- K2 methods of handling and moving animals which promote their health and welfare and minimise their stress
- K3 the resources which will be necessary for the work
- K4 correct methods of resource use
- K5 aspects of the environment which may affect the animal and signs which indicate this
- K6 the limitations of the animal breed and of the particular animal concerned
- K7 methods of controlling the animal effectively in the situations in which it is being worked
- K8 methods of encouraging the animal to work effectively
- K9 the actions which may be necessary to respond to contingency situations
- K10 your own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation

You need to know and understand:

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- K11 methods of maintaining the health and safety of animals after they have worked and the particular requirements which they may have
- K12 particular welfare requirements of different animals following work
- K13 methods of assessing the health and condition of animals and the health requirements which they may have following work
- K14 dietary requirements following work activity
- K15 exercise requirements following work activity
- K16 grooming and cleaning requirements which animals may have following work activity
- K17 rest requirements after different kinds of work and the rest periods which they need prior to starting work again
- K18 the living conditions which will promote the health and safety of the animal and any particular requirements for these following work
- K19 own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation

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Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

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1. **resources:**
 - 1.1. equipment
 - 1.2. personnel
 - 1.3. environment
2. **control** methods:
 - 2.1. verbal
 - 2.2. non-verbal

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3. **care:**
 - 3.1. diet
 - 3.2. exercise
 - 3.3. appearance
 - 3.4. rest
 - 3.5. health

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