

LANNCU39 - SQA Unit Code F8J9 04

Plan, monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals



Overview

This standard describes the competences needed by those whose work is to plan, monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals, whether they are to be kept indoors or outdoors.

The standard is relevant to people who are working with a variety of different animals. However, the variety and type of animals will depend on the organisation or business you are working for. You may be working with different types of companion animals. Alternatively, you may work in a zoo or wildlife setting and care for birds, mammals, fish, reptiles and amphibians.

The elements are:

1. Plan the accommodation of animals
2. Monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals

Element 1 involves the planning of appropriate accommodation for animals. You will be able to identify the accommodation needs of animals and the resources available to meet these needs. You will also be able to specify accommodation and provide information to those who will establish and maintain the accommodation.

Element 2 covers the monitoring and evaluation of accommodation being provided for animals. You will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of your plans in meeting the needs of animals and will be able to make changes to plans where this is appropriate.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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- P1 accurately identify animals' accommodation requirements taking into account all relevant **factors**
- P2 identify the **resources** necessary to meet accommodation requirements
- P3 take the **appropriate action** when **resources** are insufficient
- P4 select animal accommodation which achieves the best balance between animal health and well-being and available **resources**, consistent with relevant legislation
- P5 produce plans which include necessary **details** for their effective implementation
- P6 provide sufficient, clear and accurate information to others to allow them to carry out their work effectively

You must be able to:

Monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals

- P7 use **monitoring** methods which are appropriate for the accommodation, the animals concerned and any other persons involved in **monitoring**
- P8 carry out **monitoring** of the preparation and maintenance of accommodation at the appropriate times to evaluate effectiveness
- P9 evaluate animal health and well-being in relation to the accommodation
- P10 take the **appropriate action** when **monitoring** reveals problems or issues with the accommodation
- P11 use working methods and systems which promote health and safety and which are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 the types of animal accommodation which there are and the suitability of these for different animals
- K2 animals' welfare requirements and how to promote their health and well-being
- K3 the five animal freedoms and how they can best be promoted
- K4 the animal welfare legislation and codes of best practice in animal welfare and animal accommodation
- K5 how to evaluate whether accommodation is suitable for animals and the different factors which need to be taken into account
- K6 the environmental conditions which will be necessary to maintain animals' health and well-being in accommodation and the impact of prevailing weather conditions on this
- K7 materials and equipment which animals need in their accommodation for their health and well-being
- K8 the necessary containing structures for different animals and how these differ indoors and outdoors
- K9 the potential hazards which may arise in relation to the accommodation itself, the materials from which it is made, the materials used within it, any equipment or materials contained therein and hazards caused by other animals or people.
- K10 environmentally sound methods for managing animal waste and the special importance of this when animals are contained indoors
- K11 health and safety methods and systems for those who prepare and maintain animal accommodation and special measures which may need to be taken with some animals for safety or health reasons
- K12 cleaning routines appropriate to the animals concerned and the accommodation in which they are kept
- K13 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
- K14 organisational health and safety and animal welfare policy and your own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation

You need to know and understand:

Monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals

- K15 the factors to be taken into account when monitoring including environmental conditions, containing structures, materials and equipment, weather conditions and the density and mix of the animals
- K16 how to monitor the preparation and maintenance of accommodation, quality of working methods and practice, resource use and suitability, scheduling, the health and well-being of the animals and the cleanliness

- and suitability of the accommodation
- K17 the indicators of animal health and development and signs of ill health
- K18 the options available for changing plans for accommodation
- K19 the factors to be taken into account when determining courses of action in unforeseen circumstances
- K20 the animal welfare legislation and codes of best practice in animal welfare and animal accommodation
- K21 the environmental conditions which will be necessary to maintain animals' health and well-being in accommodation and the impact of prevailing weather conditions on this
- K22 effective health and safety methods and systems for those who prepare and maintain animal accommodation and special measures which may need to be taken with some animals for safety or health reasons
- K23 organisational health and safety and animal welfare policy and own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation.

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

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1. **factors:**
 - 1.1. number and mix of animals
 - 1.2. stage of the animals' growth and development
 - 1.3. social needs of animals
 - 1.4. opportunities for movement and exercise
 - 1.5. minimisation of stress
 - 1.6. purpose for which animals being kept
2. **resources:**
 - 2.1. accommodation available on the site
 - 2.2. services available to prepare and maintain the accommodation
3. **appropriate action:**
 - 3.1. changing plans in relation to the number and type of animals to be kept
 - 3.2. modifying plans whilst still promoting animal health and well-being
 - 3.3. procure more resources to meet shortfall
4. **details:**
 - 4.1. environmentally sound methods for managing animal waste
 - 4.2. health and safety systems and methods
 - 4.3. cleaning routines and schedules
 - 4.4. handling contingencies

Monitor and evaluate the accommodation of animals

5. carry out **monitoring** against the following criteria:
 - 5.1. quality of working methods and practice
 - 5.2. resource use and suitability
 - 5.3. scheduling
 - 5.4. health and well-being of animals
 - 5.5. density and mix of animals
 - 5.6. cleaning and routine maintenance
 - 5.7. management of waste
 - 5.8. quality of outcomes
6. **appropriate action:**
 - 6.1. feeding back information for the review of the plan
 - 6.2. feeding back information to those implementing plan on how their work should improve
 - 6.3. changing resource use or allocation

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