

LANNCU34 - SQA Unit Code F8JK 04

Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals



Overview

This standard is about promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of animals. It covers the procedures required to keep animals healthy and to maintain their welfare.

The elements are:

1. Promote and maintain the health and well-being of animals
2. Deliver basic treatments to animals

Element 1 is about maintaining the health and well-being of animals. The term 'well-being' is used to cover the broader welfare of the animals (such as minimising stress and the potential for injury). You will monitor and check the condition of the animals in accordance with production requirements. Specific measures may be required such as making adjustments to environmental conditions or changing feed and water provision. You must be able to recognise signs of poor health in the animals and take the appropriate action. The appropriate action may be to report the symptoms or behaviour to the correct person.

Element 2 covers delivering basic treatments to animals. The word 'treatments' is used in its broadest possible sense to include; cleaning and hygienic procedures, basic health care treatments and other routine procedures. You will be competent in the delivery of basic healthcare treatments to animals.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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- P1 treat animals in a manner which complies with relevant legislation, minimises any likelihood of stress and injury, and maintains their health and well-being
- P2 provide animals with sufficient and effective opportunities to move, and maintain physical functioning
- P3 monitor the **physical condition** of the animals at suitable intervals, and recognise, record and report any **abnormal signs**
- P4 carry out **specific measures** to promote and maintain animals health and welfare correctly and safely
- P5 ensure records are accurate, legible and complete and comply with organisational and legal requirements
- P6 immediately summon assistance for any animals health emergency, and initiate action appropriate to the situation
- P7 ensure working methods and systems promote health and safety and are consistent with relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P8 manage waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislative requirements

You must be able to:

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- P9 use and store drugs, **medication** and equipment in accordance with veterinary instructions and organisational policy
- P10 use current and uncontaminated prescribed **medication** only for the intended animal
- P11 use the correct technique to give the specified **treatment** at the correct time
- P12 immediately seek assistance when it is not possible to carry out the **treatment**
- P13 ensure records of the **treatment** are accurate, legible and complete and comply with any legislative requirements
- P14 dispose of waste from basic healthcare and routine **treatments** in a safe manner and place
- P15 observe animals after **treatments** and immediately report any unusual signs
- P16 ensure working methods and systems 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 how to promote the health and well-being of animals and minimise any stress and injury
- K2 organisational policy in relation to the treatment of animals and your responsibility under welfare legislation
- K3 the purpose for which the animals are being kept and the relationship of this to health and well-being
- K4 why animals need movement and how this varies at different times
- K5 the appearance, posture and movement, behaviour and bodily functioning of healthy animals
- K6 signs which indicate potential problems with animals health and well-being, and the actions which should be taken
- K7 types of preventative care for maintaining the health and well-being of animals
- K8 how the environment may be adjusted for the health and well-being of the animals
- K9 the importance of an adequate supply of feed and water
- K10 the reasons for keeping records and the importance of accuracy
- K11 how to recognise a health emergency in an animal and the correct actions to take
- K12 the limits of your responsibility and ability in relation to health problems in animals
- K13 your responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation
- K14 correct methods for disposing of organic and inorganic waste

You need to know and understand:

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- K15 the significance of expiry dates on drugs and medication
- K16 the possible sources of contamination to medication and how to identify damage
- K17 which equipment to select for each treatment
- K18 how to administer prescribed basic healthcare treatments
- K19 the importance of keeping to instructions for basic healthcare treatments
- K20 the potential consequences of not keeping to instructions and procedures for carrying out treatments
- K21 how to use restraint techniques
- K22 reasons and legislative requirements for 'withdrawal periods' for animals
- K23 reasons for personal hygiene and safety precautions (e.g. communicable diseases between animals and humans)
- K24 reasons for maintaining records
- K25 the correct methods for disposing of waste
- K26 changes in the condition of the animal which may occur after the

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treatment

- K27 why it is necessary to monitor the behaviour of animals after treatment and report unusual signs
- K28 organisational policy in relation to animal treatment and your responsibility under welfare legislation
- K29 your responsibility in relation to health and safety within the workplace

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

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1. **physical condition:**
 - 1.1. appearance
 - 1.2. posture and movement
 - 1.3. behaviour
 - 1.4. bodily functioning
2. **abnormal signs:**
 - 2.1. disease
 - 2.2. disability
 - 2.3. disorders
 - 2.4. pest infestations
 - 2.5. trauma
 - 2.6. behaviour
3. **specific measures:**
 - 3.1. preventative care
 - 3.2. environmental adjustment
 - 3.3. changing feed or water provision

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4. **medication:**
 - 4.1. preventative
 - 4.2. prescriptive
5. give the following **treatment** to animals:
 - 5.1. cleaning and hygiene procedures
 - 5.2. basic healthcare treatments
 - 5.3. routine procedures

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