
Overview

Element 1 requires that you are able to assess the release site to determine suitability of the habitat and identify the animal in preparation for release monitoring. You will also be able to assess the risks involved in releasing the animal, adopt appropriate methods of release and use these methods effectively and safely. You will transport and handle the animal in a manner that is appropriate, reduces stress and is safe.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Release animals

- P1 accurately assess the site to determine the suitability of habitat
- P2 **identify** the animal, using an appropriate method, in preparation for release monitoring
- P3 take the necessary action to minimise the impact of **interference** to the planned release
- P4 prepare and use the necessary equipment correctly
- P5 transfer the animal safely to release area in a way which minimises stress
- P6 observe behaviour and condition of the animal for signs of stress or disorder
- P7 release the animal in a manner which maintains their welfare and minimises stress
- P8 maintain accurate records
- P9 use working methods and systems that maintain health and safety according to relevant legislation and codes of practice

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Release animals

- K1 how to determine the suitability of the site
- K2 why and when you identify the animal
- K3 interferences that can affect the release and how they can be minimised/controlled
- K4 how to minimise damage to natural habitat and wildlife during release
- K5 the types of equipment used within the release process
- K6 conditions required to maintain the animals' health, safety and welfare during transfer
- K7 signs which indicate stress and disorder in animals
- K8 how to minimise the stress to animals
- K9 the appropriate action to take following the observation of stress or disorder
- K10 the appropriate methods of release for the animals concerned
- K11 expected behaviour during release and the actions to be taken if behaviour varies from the norm
- K12 how and when post-release monitoring and recording is undertaken
- K13 the records which are necessary and required
- K14 your responsibilities under animal welfare, wildlife, countryside and health and safety legislation

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

Release animals

1. **identify:**
 - 1.1. ringing
 - 1.2. tagging
 - 1.3. identichip
 - 1.4. tattoo
 - 1.5. individual markings
 - 1.6. centre records
 - 1.7. hair clippings (short-term solution)

2. **interference:**
 - 2.1. human/s
 - 2.2. pest and predators

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Release animals

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