

LANAnC11 - SQA Unit Code HA75 04

Maintain the health and welfare of animals



Overview

This standard covers maintaining the health and welfare of animals.

It includes monitoring the animals' physical condition and behaviour, carrying out measures to promote health and welfare and reporting any concerns or unexpected changes.

You will need to be aware of your own limitations and ensure that you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard is suitable for anyone who maintains the health and welfare of animals.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- P2 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P3 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security in accordance with workplace procedures
- P4 comply with relevant animal health and welfare legislation, other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
- P5 maintain the health and welfare of the animals and reduce the risk of stress and injury
- P6 monitor animals' physical condition and behaviour
- P7 monitor the condition of the animals' accommodation and identify any action required
- P8 monitor **environmental conditions** and adjust if necessary
- P9 ensure animals are provided with the appropriate feed and water, and monitor their intake
- P10 ensure animals are provided with the opportunity for exercise
- P11 ensure animals are able to maintain their own physical condition and appearance
- P12 seek assistance immediately for any animal health emergency and initiate action appropriate to the situation
- P13 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance of carrying out activities in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- K2 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K3 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K4 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K5 the purpose for which the animals are kept and how this may affect their husbandry
- K6 how to assess the welfare needs of the animal in your care and how they can be maintained
- K7 how to promote the health and well-being of animals and minimise any stress and injury
- K8 **signs of health in different animal species**
- K9 signs that indicate **potential problems** with animals' health and welfare, and the actions that should be taken
- K10 the accommodation requirements for the animals
- K11 the animals' requirements for feed and water
- K12 the cleaning and feeding routines
- K13 how the **environmental conditions** may be adjusted for the health and welfare of the animals
- K14 why animals need exercise and how the type and amount of this varies at different times in an animal's life
- K15 how animals maintain their own physical condition and appearance
- K16 how to recognise a health emergency in an animal and the correct actions to take
- K17 how to respond to concerns or issues in relation to your duty of care
- K18 the limits of your responsibility and ability in relation to health problems in animals
- K19 the importance of maintaining complete and accurate records, as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Scope/range

Signs of health in different animal species in relation to:

- 1 appearance
- 2 posture and movement
- 3 behaviour
- 4 bodily functioning
- 5 social interaction

Potential problems with animal's health and welfare:

- 6 pain
- 7 ill-health
- 8 injury
- 9 pest infestation
- 10 trauma

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Glossary

Current animal welfare legislation:

- England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006
- Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Environmental conditions:

- light
- ventilation
- temperature
- humidity
- weather conditions

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