Overview

This standard covers providing feed and water to animals. It covers the preparation of feed for animals which may include considering any special requirements; such as feeds which are prohibited for a particular animal (e.g. if the animal is diabetic), and any special supplements that have been specified in the animal's diet/meal plan. It also covers the provision of feed and water to animals.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.

This standard is for anyone who provides feed and water to animals.
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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

P1 use safe practices and wear appropriate personal protective equipment
P2 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
P3 receive and store animal feed according to instructions
P4 obtain the correct equipment and materials needed to prepare and serve animal feed
P5 identify the type and quantity of animal feed required for each animal from feeding plans
P6 prepare the correct amount of animal feed according to recommendations minimising wastage
P7 provide feed in the specified manner to give each animal the opportunity to obtain its food requirement
P8 supply clean, fresh water to the animals by the specified system and according to their needs
P9 report any abnormalities in the feeding and drinking habits of the animals to an appropriate person
P10 clean, maintain and store equipment so that it is fit for use
P11 take appropriate action when difficulties are encountered during feeding
P12 maintain the health and well-being of the animal(s) throughout
P13 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
P14 keep accurate and up to date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
P15 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
K2 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
K3 procedures for receiving and storing feed in your organisation
K4 the different types of feed that are available and how they are prepared
K5 the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and serving animal feed
K6 the specific needs which animals have for feed, and any special requirements (e.g. supplements)
K7 why animals should receive their feed via the specified method
K8 how to identify the feed required and quality
K9 the importance of providing fresh water to animals
K10 normal feeding behaviour of animals and signs of abnormalities
K11 methods of cleaning and maintaining feeding equipment in a fit and hygienic state for use
K12 correct storage and use of equipment and feedstuffs
K13 the limits of your own abilities and responsibilities regarding difficulties which may arise
K14 risks to animals, self and others and how these can be minimised
K15 how to deal with the different types of waste produced by the activity
K16 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
K17 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
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