

LANAnC5 - SQA Unit Code HA87 04

Move animals under supervision and instruction



Overview

This standard covers the movement of animals under supervision and instruction. You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.

This standard includes the skills required to move different animals and settle them in their new location.

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 moves animals under instruction and supervision.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work under supervision and instruction
- P2 comply with relevant animal health and welfare, other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
- P3 maintain the safety of yourself and others throughout
- P4 maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with instructions
- P5 communicate effectively with colleagues regarding the animals to be moved
- P6 approach the animals calmly, confidently and in a way that is likely to minimise stress
- P7 handle and restrain animals properly and safely where required, as instructed
- P8 assist with moving animals using the required equipment in accordance with instructions
- P9 maintain the welfare and security of the animals at all times
- P10 help to settle the animals after moving in accordance with instructions
- P11 interact with the animals in a humane manner that minimises stress
- P12 recognise when behaviour may indicate that you should not continue with the activity
- P13 maintain records as appropriate

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance of completing activity under direction and instruction from supervisor
- K2 your responsibilities under relevant animal health, welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K3 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K4 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security when moving animals from one place to another, and how this is achieved
- K5 the importance of effective communication with others
- K6 how to approach and handle animals in a calm manner that promotes confidence
- K7 how to recognise normal and abnormal behaviour in the animals concerned and when it would not be appropriate to continue with the activity
- K8 the correct methods of handling the animals concerned
- K9 the different kinds of equipment, how they are used and why it is important to use equipment correctly
- K10 the risks that there are when moving animals and how the risk can be minimised
- K11 the normal pace of movement for the animals concerned
- K12 how to settle animals after moving, and why this is important
- K13 how your actions or the actions of others may affect the behaviour and welfare of the animal
- K14 which problems should be reported, when and to whom
- K15 the records that need to be maintained

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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

Risks could include:

- the animal
- other people
- other animals
- yourself
- the environment

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