
Overview

This standard describes the competences required to handle, restrain and control animals and to supervise others in these competences.

The elements are:

1. Handle and restrain animals
2. Plan, supervise and control the movement of animals

Element 1 involves the handling and restraint of animals. You will assess the risks involved in restraining the animal, identify appropriate methods of restraint and use these methods effectively and safely. In addition, you will be able to supervise others in the handling and restraint of animals.

Element 2 covers control of the movement of animals. You will be able to move the animal in a manner that is appropriate, reduces stress and is safe. You will also need to ensure that the location to which the animal is moved is safe, secure and suitable. In addition, you will be able to supervise others in the movement of animals.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

Handle and restrain animals

- P1 plan the handling and restraint of the animal by identifying the reason for handling and the possible risks involved
- P2 identify a range of suitable methods for restraining the animal and the appropriate equipment required for each method
- P3 select a method of handling and restraint that is appropriate for the animal concerned and its requirements in order to minimise the risks to the animal, the handler and others
- P4 prepare the environment prior to handling the animal to ensure that the risks to the animal, others and yourself are minimised and to reduce the stress to the animal
- P5 ensure that authorisation has been obtained for the animal to be handled and restrained using the method selected
- P6 select the appropriate protective clothing and wear it correctly
- P7 approach the animal in a manner which promotes animal welfare, minimises stress to the animal and maintain health and safety
- P8 handle and restrain the animal using an appropriate method for the animal and its requirements and the situation
- P9 adapt the handling and restraint of the animal in response to its reactions and behaviour
- P10 ensure that the animal's health and well-being is maintained throughout through the use of the correct method and equipment
- P11 assess the situation and seek assistance if there is a risk to the animal, security or health and safety
- P12 use working methods and systems that maintain health and safety according to relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P13 supervise others in the handling and restraint of animals
- P14 record the handling and restraint of the animal using the correct system

You must be able to:

Plan, supervise and control the movement of animals

- P15 identify the animal to be moved and assess its suitability for movement
- P16 approach the animal in an appropriate manner in order to minimise stress to the animal and maintain health and safety
- P17 identify the **appropriate method** for moving the animal and prepare the necessary equipment
- P18 plan the route for the movement of the animal and identify any risks or hazards
- P19 move the animal to its new location without damage to the health, safety and well-being of the animal or other animals in the vicinity using an appropriate pace
- P20 establish the animal in the new location to ensure that the animal's

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- requirements are met
- P21 assess the new location to ensure that it meets animal's requirements
- P22 communicate the movement plan to others to ensure that animal's welfare is maintained and the risks to others are reduced
- P23 record the movement of animals using the correct method and documentation clearly and accurately
- P24 use working methods and systems that maintain health and safety according to relevant legislation and codes of practice
- P25 **supervise others** in the movement of animals
- P26 plan the movement of animals with others to encourage them to select the method of movement and identify the risks involved

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Handle and restrain animals

- K1 how to plan the handling and restraint of animals and how to assess the risks inherent in restraining animals
- K2 why animals may require handling and restraint and how this may affect the method selected
- K3 the range of different methods of handling and restraining different animals and the range of equipment used
- K4 how to select the appropriate method of handling and restraint for a given animal
- K5 how to identify the possible risks and hazards involved with handling and restraint of animal sand how to minimise and respond to them
- K6 the range of protective clothing which may be required and the reasons for its use
- K7 how animals should be approached in order to minimise stress, promote animal welfare and maintain health and safety
- K8 how to recognise and assess the signs of stress and alarm in the animals being handled and restrained
- K9 why it is important to work within your own limitations and experience when working with animals
- K10 how to identify situations where it is not suitable for a person to approach, handle or restrain an animal without assistance and the possible consequences of doing so
- K11 your organisation's health and safety and animal welfare policy and own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation
- K12 the types of physical conditions that may affect the approach, handling and restraint of animals
- K13 the types of behavioural conditions that may affect the approach, handling and restraint of animals
- K14 the methods available to supervise others in the safe handling and restraint of animals

You need to know and understand:

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- K15 the reason for the animal to be moved and how this may affect the method used
- K16 the different methods of identification used for animals and identify which methods are suitable for the animal to be moved
- K17 the range of handling and restraint methods of the animals to be moved
- K18 the normal and abnormal behaviour patterns seen in the animal to be moved and how they can be recognised
- K19 how to assess the health of the animal to be moved and how this may affect their movement and the method used

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- K20 the suitable methods for moving animals and the factors affecting the selection for the animal to be moved
- K21 how to plan for the normal pace or movement of the animal
- K22 how animals should be approached in order to minimise stress and maintain animal welfare and health and safety
- K23 how to assess the risks involved with the movement of animals and identify how to minimise them
- K24 how to assess the suitability of a new location for the animal to be moved and the route for the movement of the animal
- K25 the ways by which animals can be established in a new location and the requirements that must be met
- K26 your organisation's health and safety and animal welfare policy and your own responsibility under health and safety and animal welfare legislation
- K27 how to supervise others in the safe movement of animals
- K28 the types of physical conditions that may affect the movement of animals
- K29 the types of behavioural conditions that may affect the movement of animals
- K30 how environmental conditions may affect the movement of animals and the selection of the method of movement
- K31 the information to be recorded when animals are moved and the reasons for doing so

Additional Information

Scope/range related to performance criteria

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1. use restraint on animals for the following **reasons**:
 - 1.1. the behaviour of the animal
 - 1.2. the health and well-being of the animal
2. Supervise others in the handling and restraint of animals to ensure that:
 - 2.1. the welfare of the animal is maintained
 - 2.2. the safety of personnel is maintained
 - 2.3. the appropriate equipment is selected and used correctly
3. Approach, handle and restrain animals that are:
 - 3.1. new to you
 - 3.2. have a physical condition that may affect their handling and restraint
 - 3.3. have a behavioural condition that may affect their handling and restraint

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4. **appropriate method** for moving animals based on:
 - 4.1. conditional of animals
 - 4.2. their health
 - 4.3. environmental conditions
 - 4.4. their welfare
 - 4.5. their behaviour
5. **supervise others** in the movement of animals to ensure that the following factors are maintained:
 - 5.1. health and safety
 - 5.2. animal welfare
6. move animals using an **appropriate method** to include animals that:
 - 6.1. are new to you
 - 6.2. have a physical condition that may affect their movement
 - 6.3. have a behavioural condition that may affect their movement

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