

LANAnC1 - SQA Unit Code HA73 04

Maintain the health and welfare of animals under supervision and instruction



Overview

This standard covers maintaining the health and welfare of animals under supervision and instruction.

The standard includes providing support to maintain the health and welfare of animals by monitoring their condition and behaviour 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

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

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Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 carry out all work under supervision and instruction
 - P2 maintain the health and safety of yourself and others throughout
 - P3 maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with instructions
 - P4 maintain the needs of the animals in your care in accordance with relevant animal health and welfare legislation
 - P5 minimise any likelihood of stress and injury to the animals
 - P6 optimise the health and well-being of animals during your work
 - P7 monitor animals' physical condition and behaviour, and report any concerns without delay to the appropriate person
 - P8 check the condition of the animals' accommodation in accordance with instructions
 - P9 check that the **environmental conditions** are appropriate for the animals in accordance with instructions
 - P10 check that the animals are provided with food and water in accordance with instructions
 - P11 interact with the animal in a humane manner that minimises stress
 - P12 recognise when behaviour indicates 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 environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K3 the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and how this is achieved
- K4 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare, and other animal related legislation and codes of practice
- K5 the **needs of animals** which must be maintained under relevant animal health and welfare legislation
- K6 how to promote the health and well-being of animals and reduce the risk of stress or injury
- K7 **signs of health in different animal species**
- K8 signs which indicate potential problems with an animal's health and well-being and the actions which should be taken when this occurs
- K9 signs of fear, aggression, stress, pain, ill-health and injury in animals
- K10 how to maintain accommodation and the equipment and materials that may be needed
- K11 how the environmental conditions may affect the animal's health
- K12 how your actions or the actions of others may affect the behaviour and welfare of the animal
- K13 how to recognise an animal health emergency and what should be done if this occurs

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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

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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:

- ventilation
- light
- temperature
- humidity
- weather conditions

The needs of animals:

- suitable environment (place to live)
- suitable diet
- ability to exhibit normal behaviour
- protection from pain, suffering, injury and disease
- housed with, or apart from, other animals (where applicable)

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