

LANAnC15 - SQA Unit Code HA77 04

Handle and restrain animals



Overview

This standard covers the handling and restraint of animals.

You will need to assess the risks involved in handling and restraining the animal, identify appropriate methods of restraint and use these methods effectively and safely. You will also need to monitor the animal's response to handling and restraint and take appropriate action if there is a negative reaction.

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 handles and restrains animals.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 maintain your own professional conduct and work within the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- P2 ensure that your work is carried out in accordance with workplace procedures
- P3 comply with relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice at all times
- P4 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P5 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P6 use safe practices and appropriate personal protective equipment
- P7 **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, others and yourself
- P8 prepare the environment and equipment prior to handling the animal to ensure that the risks to the animal, others and yourself are minimised
- P9 ensure that authorisation has been obtained for the animal to be handled and restrained using the method selected
- P10 approach the animal in a manner that is likely to promote their co-operation and minimise distress
- P11 handle and restrain the animal in a manner that promotes animal welfare, avoids behaviour giving rise to welfare concern and maintains health and safety
- P12 monitor the animal's behaviour and adapt the handling and restraint in response to its reactions
- P13 ensure that the animal's health and welfare is maintained throughout
- P14 recognise when behaviour may indicate that you should not continue with the activity
- P15 seek assistance if there is a risk to the animal, security or health and safety
- P16 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 your professional responsibilities and the limits of your authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- K2 the importance of completing the activity in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- K3 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare, and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K4 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K5 the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
- K6 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how these can be achieved
- K7 why animals may require handling and restraint and how this may affect the method selected
- K8 the types of physical and behavioural conditions that may affect the approach, handling and restraint of animals
- K9 how and where to obtain information about the physical condition, temperament and the usual behaviour patterns of an animal
- K10 safe and effective methods of handling and restraining different animals and the equipment used
- K11 how to select the appropriate method of handling and restraint for an animal
- K12 how to identify the possible risks and hazards involved with the handling and restraint of animals and how to minimise and respond to them
- K13 how animals should be approached, handled and restrained in order to avoid behaviour giving rise to welfare concern, promote animal welfare and maintain health and safety
- K14 the different factors that can affect an animal's behaviour and what to do if these are observed
- K15 how to recognise and assess the signs of stress and alarm in the animals being handled and restrained
- K16 how to identify situations where it is not suitable or appropriate for a person to approach, handle or restrain an animal without assistance and the consequences of doing so
- K17 the importance of maintaining complete and accurate records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Scope/range

Select method of handling and restraint taking into account:

- 1 the reason for handling
- 2 the species of animal
- 3 the physical condition of the animal
- 4 the temperament and behaviour of the animal
- 5 the possible risks involved

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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

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