

## LANAnC43- SQA Unit Code HA82 04

Co-ordinate the care of stray, abandoned, abused, harmed or neglected animals



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### Overview

This standard covers the co-ordination of care for animals that have been abandoned, abused, harmed, neglected or have strayed.

It includes liaison with the animals' keeper, the provision of veterinary care where this is needed and the organisation of safe accommodation.

The term "keeper" is used to denote the individual responsible for the control and welfare of the animal this may or may not be the owner.

This standard is suitable for those who are responsible for the enforcement of animal welfare legislation by investigating reported abuse of animals, as well as working with other law enforcement agencies to support the prosecution of those that have abused, harmed or neglected animals.

Those who undertake this role are likely to be working for a recognised body that has responsibility for safeguarding the welfare of animals.

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#### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 establish the condition and assess the behaviour of the stray, abandoned, abused, harmed or neglected animal
- P2 review the situation and assess any potential risks
- P3 identify where the condition of the animal requires the attention of a qualified practitioner and seek assistance without delay
- P4 record and **communicate advice** on the care of stray, abandoned, abused, harmed or neglected animals
- P5 advise the keeper of their legal rights and responsibilities, and obtain the relevant consents and waivers where animals are removed to safe accommodation
- P6 give clear instructions and advice regarding the reasons for concern and the remedial course of action to be followed by the keeper, where an animal remains with the keeper
- P7 handle the animal carefully and make it safe in an appropriate environment to minimise distress and the possibility of injury to the animal, self and others
- P8 obtain, clearly label and securely store records, samples and information that may provide evidence of abuse
- P9 co-ordinate and maintain up-to-date, accurate and complete records relating to the animal's condition and progress and pass these without delay to the appropriate authority

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#### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 the legal requirements and duties relating to the removal of stray, abandoned, abused, harmed or neglected animals to a place of safety
- K2 the legal requirements and duties relating to the care of stray, abandoned, abused, harmed or neglected animals in a place of safety
- K3 the indicators of abnormal behaviour and condition of animals
- K4 the importance of co-ordinating accurate and complete records, which are to be passed to the appropriate authority
- K5 the appropriate environments for animals that have been abused
- K6 how to modify behaviour to reduce distress and fear in stray, abandoned, abused, harmed or neglected animals.

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### **Glossary**

#### **Communicate advice could include:**

- medication and treatment
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- diet
- environment

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