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## Level 2 & 3 Animal Care Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are an excellent way to gain a nationally recognised qualification, get practical 'hands-on' work experience and valuable skills, all whilst earning a wage. Not only that, but you will also get the skills and knowledge employers need and a gateway to new opportunities.



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### Why do an apprenticeship?

Apprenticeships give you experience in the working world and shows employers that you can 'hit the ground running'.

Hands-on training gives you a real chance to put your skills into practice and helps you to gain more confidence in a working environment.

You earn while you learn. You'll be paid an Apprenticeship wage by your employer, which will include your training.

Choice. You can begin to specialise in your area of interest straight away, alongside the basics of animal care work.

Apprenticeships offer a varied learning experience. You won't have to spend all your time studying; most of the time you'll be learning while you work and learning from others in your industry.

### What could you do?

- Animal boarding
- Animal related public services (e.g. dog/animal wardens)
- Animal sanctuaries
- Animal welfare charities
- Animal trainer
- Animal visitor attractions
- Canine Hydrotherapist
- Dog Groomer
- Pet Care and Retail
- Farm worker
- Pest control officer
- RSPCA Inspector
- Veterinary Nurse
- Zoo Keeper
- Zoos and wildlife parks (including wildlife rehabilitation)

### Would this suit you?

The animal industry is hugely varied, and every day brings new challenges and experiences.

Animals need care 24/7, so weekends and shift work may be required.

Many roles will require you to be out in all weathers, which is great in the summer, but that means winter too!

Working with animals can be very rewarding, but it can also be physically demanding. Are you prepared for that?

As an Apprentice, you have the opportunity to become a trained and valuable member of your workplace team and the animal industry as a whole.



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Working with animals is a popular career choice, so there is likely to be a lot of competition for job roles and Apprenticeships.

Kick-start your animal care career with an employer that invests in you, check out the vacancies on our website or social media pages.

### Getting that Apprenticeship

Securing your apprenticeship will often involve a recruitment process and these can be very competitive, with many applicants chasing one position. CVs, applications, and interviews advertise your value to their business.

This is your chance to convince the employer that you are the right person for the job; selling your skills, demonstrating passion and making sure they know what you can bring to their business.

### Some hints...

Check for spelling and grammatical errors. If you are careless on your application, what's to say that you won't be careless at work?

Draft your application offline in Word and save it. You can spell check, have a copy saved and, if there's a problem, you don't have to start all over again! Save or print out the finished form - you will then have a record of what you've written for your interview which you can adapt for future applications. Check for each job role and adapt to suit.

### Before you start you should check...

Is it feasible? Can you get there every day? Can you work the hours? Do you have to work late nights or weekends?

Is it realistic? Will you be happy working outside in winter? Can you cope with early mornings? Do you have the skills and knowledge they are looking for?

Find out as much as you can about the business. What does the business do? Who are their customers? Can you see yourself working there day-in-day-out?

### Selling yourself...

Plan what you are going to write. What skills, qualities or experience have they asked for in the advert and/or person specification?

What are your strengths? Why do you want this job? How do they link to the role? Think and plan. Look on websites for advice: [monster.com](http://monster.com) or National Careers Service for example.

If you don't have much experience yet - think about transferable skills you have and that all businesses need: customer service, IT and team working etc.

What other experiences do you have that can link your skills to the job role? Are you member of a club, or were you at school? Do you volunteer or help anywhere? Where possible, use examples to back up statements.

Whatever you write or say... Prove it!