

## **Animal Care Careers Tree**

### **Success Stories:**



Alex Wood is completing a Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Assistant Apprenticeship with the Veterinary Care Pathway at Vets4Pets. Having excelled during her apprentice with Vets 4 Pets, Alex has proved to be a dedicated and very conscientious learner and she has worked so hard to produce an excellent portfolio. Her practical skills have developed over the course of the apprenticeship and it's clear she loves her job and the animals she works with. Alex always considers the welfare of all the animals she works with. Going forward Alex is very keen to further her education and career by training to become a qualified Veterinary Nurse.



Molly came across an apprenticeship opportunity with Orchard Kennels and Cattery and KEITS and this is where her journey started. Molly was working full time in the boarding kennel and cattery whilst completing her apprenticeship and gained her Standard level 2 in animal care. Molly now has her dream job, working with animals and not only that, she had the knowledge and skills which helped her expand onto bigger and better job opportunities. Molly is now working as a manager at the same boarding kennels and cattery, helping those achieve the same first goal she had and is heavily involved in apprenticeship training.

#### **Available courses with KEITS:**

- Level 2 Animal Care Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Keeper & Aquarist Apprenticeship
- Level 2 Dog Grooming Apprenticeship
- Level 3 Learner Mentor Apprenticeship
- Levels 3 Team Leader Apprenticeship
- Level 2 Customer Service Apprenticeship

"My KEITS
apprenticeship
helped me to gain
the skills needed to
start up my own dog
walking business"

#### **Animal Care Career Examples:**

Animal trainer – (i.e., zoos, rehoming, films) ·Animal behaviourist –

Veterinary support/receptionist - Veterinary Physiotherapy

Supervisor / manager (i.e., kennels, cattery, creche) - Dog walking/home boarding)

Hydrotherapy - Civil servant (border control) - Research - Guide dogs

Rehabilitation - Sales and Nutrition - Inspector (RSPCA/Council)

#### **Transferable Life Skills:**

- Safe working
- Work ethic
- Responsibility
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Functional skills (maths and English)
- Customer service

# Higher Education Opportunities:

- Animal Behaviour/Science
- Animal Management
- Wildlife Conservation
- Veterinary Science/Medicine
- Equine Studies
- Equine Nutrition

#### **Other Courses:**

- Veterinary Nurse
- LANTRA Falconry
- BHS Equine Exams

"I learnt so much about animal welfare and behaviour, I know have my dream job in animal rescue"

Qualities needed for an Animal Care Apprenticeship:

- Devoted & passionate
- Friendly & approachable
- Reliable & trustworthy
- Willingness & enthusiasm to learn
- Polite & professional

#### **Useful Links:**

- Target Careers
- BIAZA
- Animal Courses Direct
- NLBC
- Animal Jobs Direct
- National Careers
- RSPCA
- Animal Jobs