

Animal Care and Welfare Manager Careers Progression Options

Working in the sector:

Animal care is part of the environmental and land-based industries, work in this industry generally covers the health, welfare, and husbandry of animals as well as the supervision of staff.

There are approximately 120,000 people working in the industry with almost 75% of the animal care industry accounts for pet shops, pet supplies, boarding establishments and dog grooming businesses.

The sector is growing year on year with 59% of households in the UK owning a pet. Recent growth has been seen in the areas of dog boarding, pet sitting/ walking and day care.

Career Examples:

- Supervisor/manager of a dog day care/ kennels
- Game and Wildlife Management: Rangers and gamekeepers
- Animal Science: Opportunities in biological and biomedical research
- Animal Feeding: Manufacture and research
- Own business: Dog grooming, dog sitting, animal behaviourist/ dog training
- Environment and Conservation: management of habitats and species
- Hydrotherapy/ Rehabilitation
- Zoo/Wildlife: Zoo curator, Educational Officer
- Animal rescue/Warden/ Inspector

Career progression examples possible with level 3:

Animal boarding manager



Senior boarding assistant



Animal boarding assistant

Education progression options:

- Level 3 courses and CPD with KEITS
- Animal Behaviour/Science degrees
- Wildlife Conservation
- Veterinary Nursing
- Equine Studies
- Business and Management Studies

Useful links:

- [National Careers Service](#)
- [Animal Jobs Direct](#)
- [RSPCA](#)
- [BIAZA](#)
- [British Veterinary Nursing Association](#)

Transferable skills:

- Safe working
- Responsibility
- Communication
- Team work
- Supervision strategies