
Overview

This standard covers providing food and water to animals. It covers the preparation and provision of food and water for animals, which may include considering any special requirements, such as foods which are prohibited for a particular animal (e.g. if the animal is diabetic), and any special supplements that have been specified in the animal's diet/meal plan.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.

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 for anyone who provides food and water to animals.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 carry out all work in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- P2 comply with relevant animal health and welfare, and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice at all times
- P3 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P4 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P5 select, prepare, use and maintain **equipment** and utensils in a safe, clean and effective condition throughout (including personal protective equipment where required)
- P6 identify the type and quantity of food required for each animal from feeding plans
- P7 prepare the correct amount of animal feed according to feeding plan minimising wastage
- P8 provide food in the specified manner to give each animal the opportunity to obtain its food requirement
- P9 provide clean, fresh water to the animals by the specified system and according to their needs
- P10 take appropriate action when difficulties are encountered during feeding
- P11 report any abnormalities in the feeding and drinking habits of the animals to an appropriate person
- P12 monitor the animal's health and well-being when providing food and water
- P13 maintain the safety and security of self, the animal, other animals and other people when providing food and water
- P14 clean/sterilise and store equipment used in accordance with workplace procedures
- P15 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with relevant legislation and workplace procedures
- 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 the importance of completing activity in accordance with instructions and workplace procedures
- K2 your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare, and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice
- K3 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K4 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K5 types of equipment and utensils required and how to select, prepare, use and maintain them safely and effectively
- K6 the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
- K7 how to interpret animal feeding plans
- K8 the different **types of food** that are available and how they are prepared
- K9 the specific needs that animals have for food, and any special requirements (e.g. supplements)
- K10 why animals should receive their food via the specified method
- K11 the importance of providing fresh water to animals from the specified system
- K12 the normal feeding behaviour of animals and signs of abnormalities
- K13 how opportunities for the expression of natural feeding behaviour can be provided
- K14 the limits of your own abilities and responsibilities regarding difficulties that may arise and the action to take
- K15 methods of cleaning/sterilising feeding equipment and utensils
- K16 correct storage of equipment, utensils and food
- K17 how to handle, store and dispose of waste in accordance with relevant legal and organisational requirements
- K18 why it is important to monitor the well-being and health of animals when providing food and water
- K19 the importance of maintaining complete and accurate records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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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

Equipment could include:

- equipment for preparing food
- equipment for serving food
- protective equipment

Types of food could include:

- fresh
- live
- frozen
- dried
- tinned

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