Clean and check animal accommodation under supervision and instruction



#### Overview

This standard covers cleaning and checking animal accommodation under supervision and instruction, to ensure it is in a suitable condition for the animals.

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 suitable for anyone who cleans and checks animal accommodation under supervision and instruction.

Performance criteria		
You must be able to:	P1	carry out all work under supervision and instruction
	P2	comply with relevant animal health and welfare, other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
	P3	maintain the health and safety of yourself and others throughout
	P4	maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with instructions
	P5	use safe working practices and the correct protective clothing, cleaning equipment and materials in accordance with instructions
	P6	prepare the equipment and materials correctly for the work
	P7	check that the accommodation is ready for cleaning and that animals are secure or have been removed
	P8	clean the animals' accommodation and contents in accordance with instructions
	P9	carry out sterilisation where required in accordance with instructions
	P10	change bedding and other materials in accordance with instructions
	P11	deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
	P12	leave the animal's accommodation in an appropriate condition after cleaning
	P13	return cleaning equipment and materials to the correct storage area after use
	P14	check the animals' accommodation in accordance with instructions and report findings
	P15	keep the animals' accommodation safe and secure
	P16	maintain records as appropriate

Knowledge and understanding		
You need to know and understand:	K1	the importance of completing activities under the direction and instruction from a supervisor
	K2	your responsibilities under relevant health and welfare of animals legislation 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	why it is important to check that the animal is secure or has been removed before cleaning and checking the animal accommodation
	K5	the importance of cleaning and sterilisation to maintaining hygiene and bio-security
	K6	the materials and equipment that should be used for cleaning work and what protective clothing should be worn
	K7	the risks when using and storing cleaning materials and equipment, and how these risks can be minimised
	K8	how to prepare equipment and materials ready for cleaning
	K9	how to prepare the accommodation for cleaning
	K10	the correct procedures for cleaning the animal accommodation
	K11	the correct procedures for dealing with different types of waste produced by the activity
	K12	the condition in which accommodation must be left after cleaning
	K13	the materials that animals need in their accommodation to maintain their health and well-being
	K14	how to check the accommodation and contents and what should be reported
	K15	the records that need to be maintained

Scope/range		Check the animal's accommodation for:
	1	wear/deterioration
	2	damage
	3	safety
	4	security
	5	hygiene

Glossary	Current animal welfare legislation:		
	<ul> <li>England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act 2006</li> <li>Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act 2006</li> <li>Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) 2011</li> </ul>		

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