
Overview

This standard covers the planning and monitoring of accommodation for animals. It also includes temporary accommodation used to house animals for a short period of time.

You will need to identify the accommodation requirements of the animals to be kept (e.g. number and mix of animals, social needs of animals) and the resources available to meet these needs. You will also need to ensure that the accommodation is prepared ready for use by animals, animals are introduced to the accommodation in the appropriate manner and procedures are in place for the maintenance of the accommodation (e.g. health and safety, handling contingencies, cleaning routines).

This standard is suitable for those with responsibility for the planning and monitoring of animal accommodation.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 maintain a high level of professional conduct, including an awareness of your own limitations
- P2 comply with relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and codes of practice at all times
- P3 ensure that all work is carried out in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies
- P4 select and implement appropriate hygiene and bio-security measures and ensure they are maintained
- P5 identify animal accommodation requirements, taking into account all factors relevant to the species and the purpose for which they are being kept
- P6 identify others **factors that influence the provision of animal accommodation**
- P7 plan animal accommodation that meets the requirements of the animals and other factors
- P8 assess how the needs of the animals are met in the planned accommodation
- P9 identify and obtain any necessary permissions, consents or licenses
- P10 identify the resources necessary to meet accommodation requirements and establish their availability
- P11 specify requirements for the **preparation of accommodation** and the introduction of animals
- P12 specify requirements for the maintenance of the accommodation
- P13 provide sufficient, clear and accurate information to others, to allow them to carry out their work effectively
- P14 monitor the preparation and maintenance of accommodation, at the appropriate times, to evaluate its effectiveness
- P15 take appropriate action when monitoring reveals problems or issues with accommodation
- P16 ensure that appropriate records are maintained

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your professional responsibilities and the need to maintain professional competence
- 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 these can be achieved
- K5 how the **needs of the animals** are provided for in the accommodation plan
- K6 any permissions, consents or licenses that may be required, and how to obtain them
- K7 the **environmental conditions** that will be necessary to maintain animal health and well-being in the accommodation and, where appropriate, the impact of prevailing weather conditions on this
- K8 the materials and equipment the animals need in their accommodation for their health and well-being
- K9 the necessary containing structures for different animals and how these differ indoors and outdoors
- K10 the **potential hazards** that may arise in relation to the accommodation itself
- K11 cleaning and maintenance routines appropriate to the animals concerned and the accommodation in which they are kept
- K12 appropriate methods of providing information to those involved
- K13 methods of monitoring the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation to ensure it meets requirements and the factors to take into account
- K14 the importance of maintaining complete and accurate records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Scope/range

Factors that influence the provision of animal accommodation:

- 1 species of animals
- 2 mix of animals
- 3 welfare of animals
- 4 intended length of stay in the accommodation
- 5 legislation
- 6 budget
- 7 available space
- 8 available resources
- 9 access to animals
- 10 need for isolation/quarantine

Preparation of accommodation:

- 11 clean
- 12 safe
- 13 secure
- 14 suitable for the animal
- 15 contains required materials and equipment
- 16 suitable environmental conditions

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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

Animal needs:

- expressions of natural behaviour
- diet and nutrition
- enrichment
- exercise
- safety and security

Environmental conditions:

- ventilation
- light
- structure
- temperature
- prevailing weather conditions if outdoors

Potential accommodation hazards:

- the materials from which it is made
- the materials used within it
- any equipment or materials contained therein
- hazards caused by other animals or people

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