Plan the provision of animals in education and entertainment



Overview

This standard covers planning the provision of animals working in an education or entertainment environment.

It includes planning the transportation and transfer of animals to and from location, the animal's accommodation at the production location, including the commissioning of any specialist facilities or equipment needed for the animal's accommodation, and the care and welfare of the animal while at the production location.

This standard is suitable for those with responsibility for planning the provision of animals working in education and entertainment.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 maintain a high level of professional competence and ethics and work within the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience
- P2 comply with relevant animal health and welfare and other animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice at all times
- P3 ensure that environmental and health and safety policies and risk assessment requirements are put into practice across your area of responsibility
- P4 identify the relevant legal, ethical and welfare requirements and any requirements specific to the country in which the work is being undertaken
- P5 plan the route and means of transportation and transfer of animal(s) to and from education and entertainment locations and make the necessary arrangements in accordance with relevant legislation
- P6 ensure all permits and licenses are in place
- P7 plan the accommodation that is needed by the animal(s) taking into account all relevant factors
- P8 confirm that accommodation is sited close enough to the education and entertainment location
- P9 arrange for the required accommodation to be available on arrival and for the duration of the animal's stay
- P10 commission the building of special environments for animals, where necessary
- P11 ensure that the accommodation will keep animal(s) safe and secure
- P12 confirm sufficient arrangements for hygiene and bio-security
- P13 ensure that the welfare needs of animal(s) are provided for at all times in the plan
- P14 confirm that sufficient qualified personnel will be available to care for the animal(s)
- P15 confirm that animal carers will be adequately supervised when looking after the animal(s)
- P16 confirm that sufficient quantities of the correct supplies will be available to care for the animal(s) during the stay
- P17 confirm with relevant people that the location for the education and entertainment will be safe for the animal and complies with relevant legislation
- P18 liaise with a veterinarian to ensure that adequate health care will be available for the animal(s) when needed
- P19 confirm that relevant legal requirements relating to the animal's health,

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safety and welfare will be maintained at all times during the animal's stay

- P20 communicate effectively with others and seek professional advice when necessary
- P21 create and maintain accurate and complete records relating to the plans and arrangements made for the animal's care

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 your professional and ethical 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 the impact on animal welfare of the activity including training, transport, handling, noise, temporary accommodation
- K4 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies
- K5 relevant legal and statutory requirements for taking care of animals in education and entertainment locations
- K6 any relevant legislation specific to the country in which the animal(s) will be working
- K7 your responsibilities under relevant animal transportation and movement legislation in the UK, while in transit and in the country in which the animal will be working
- K8 ethical issues that may impact on the use of animals in education and entertainment
- K9 where to seek professional advice
- K10 the main roles and responsibilities of those involved in the activity e.g. producer, director, and who has authority
- K11 the importance of briefing and maintaining communications with those involved in the education and entertainment activities
- K12 the importance of detailed planning prior to the work
- K13 how to plan and organise appropriate transportation for the animal/s to and from the education and entertainment location
- K14 when permits and licenses are required and how to obtain them
- K15 how to plan and organise the accommodation that is required by different animals to meet their health, safety, welfare and social needs
- K16 how to find and choose specialist builders who can be commissioned to make accommodation for animals
- K17 the people who need to be contacted to arrange for accommodation to be available for the animal(s)
- K18 the types of measures that are needed to ensure the safety of humans when animals are accommodated on education and entertainment locations

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- K19 the legal and statutory requirements for accommodating animals
- K20 the importance of hygiene and bio-security and relevant actions that should be taken
- K21 the principles of caring for animals outside of their everyday habitat
- K22 the qualifications and experience that are required of specific animal carers
- K23 the number of carers that are needed in order to care for specific animals
- K24 the supplies that are required in order to care for the animal(s) during the stay and how to ensure they are available
- K25 the potential dangers to animals from special effects e.g. fire, flooding scenes, wind and rain machines or tunnels
- K26 the potential dangers from equipment in the environment including props, camera tracking, lights, treadmills or running machines
- K27 the importance of ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of the animal(s) is monitored and maintained
- K28 appropriate records to be kept, the importance of confidentiality and the requirements of the Data Protection Act (1998)

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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

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