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Care for mothers and young animals in a Home Office designated establishment



Overview

This standard covers the care of mothers and young animals in a Home Office designated establishment.

You must be able to promote the health and welfare of the animals through monitoring the appearance, posture, movement and behaviour of mother and young, and take the appropriate action.

This standard is for animal technologists who care for mothers and young animals in a Home Office designated establishment.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 use safe working practices and wear appropriate personal protective equipment
- P2 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P3 monitor the health and condition of the animals, and report any problems promptly to the appropriate person
- P4 prepare and maintain accommodation for mother and young animals in accordance with instructions
- P5 provide the animals with suitable care in accordance to their requirements and instructions
- P6 ensure the animals have access to food and water
- P7 carry out weaning/separation where appropriate
- P8 handle and sex neonatal animals
- P9 prepare and maintain accommodation for animals after separation
- P10 keep accurate and up to date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P11 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P12 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
- P13 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
- K2 the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved
- K3 methods for caring for the mother and her young
- K4 methods of caring for animals post-weaning
- K5 how to recognise signs of good and poor health in the animals
- K6 the reasons for, and methods of monitoring the animals
- K7 factors which affect the health and condition of the animals
- K8 potential problems likely to be encountered prior to, during and after weaning/separation and who these should be reported
- K9 the age at which weaning and separation from the mother should take place
- K10 how to ensure animals have access to food and water
- K11 at what age it is necessary to segregate males from females
- K12 the average number of young produced for the animals you are working with
- K13 how to handle and sex neonatal animals
- K14 the purpose of cross-fostering and why it may be necessary
- K15 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K16 the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of waste
- K17 your responsibilities for the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment under relevant animal welfare legislation, European directives and UK codes of practice
- K18 your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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