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### Overview

This standard covers the provision of environmental enrichment for animals in a Home Office designated establishment to allow the expression of natural behaviour and to provide opportunities for exercise.

You must be able to select, prepare and use materials and equipment appropriate for the animal and the purpose for which it is being kept.

This standard is for animal technologists in Home Office designated establishments.

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#### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 use safe practices and the appropriate personal protective equipment
- P2 maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
- P3 treat animals in a manner which complies with relevant legislation, minimises any likelihood of stress and injury, and maintains their health and welfare
- P4 assess the animals suitability for environmental enrichment and their requirements
- P5 select, prepare and check the environmental enrichment equipment and materials
- P6 provide environmental enrichment for animals to exercise by themselves and exhibit natural behaviour which meet the requirements of the animal, its environment and the purpose for which it is being kept
- P7 review the environmental enrichment to see how it meets the animals requirements
- P8 make adjustments to environmental enrichment as necessary
- P9 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P10 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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#### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

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| K1  | the importance and correct use of appropriate personal protective equipment   |
| K2  | the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security and how this can be achieved   |
| K3  | natural behaviour in animals and how opportunities can be replicated for the expression of natural behaviour  |
| K4  | the types of environmental enrichment that can be provided for the animals you are working with   |
| K5  | the importance of checking with licence holder before providing enrichment  |
| K6  | how the need for exercise and environmental enrichment differs between different animals and the context in which the animal is kept  |
| K7  | the reasons for providing animals with different exercise patterns and enrichment opportunities and how these differ at different stages of life  |
| K8  | why and when you may consider changing the exercise or enrichment opportunity   |
| K9  | how to recognise negative responses to exercise and environmental enrichment and what you should do in different situations   |
| K10 | how the lack of enrichment opportunities may cause problems in animals  |
| K11 | the different types of equipment that would be used for environmental enrichment  |
| K12 | why it is important to check, clean and maintain equipment in good order for environmental enrichment   |
| K13 | appropriate records to be kept and their significance   |
| K14 | 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 |
| K15 | your responsibility under relevant environmental, health and safety and animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and company policies  |

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