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### Overview

This standard covers the care of pregnant animals throughout their gestation and parturition in a Home Office designated establishment.

You must be able to identify any health problems in the mother and young animals, through observation of appearance, posture, movement and behaviour, and take the appropriate action.

This standard is for animal technologists who care for animals during gestation and parturition in a Home Office designated establishment.

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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 maintain animal accommodation in accordance with instructions during gestation and parturition
- P4 provide feed and water according to the animals requirements during gestation
- P5 observe the health and condition of the female during the gestation and report any concerns to the appropriate person
- P6 recognise any signs of parturition
- P7 provide assistance during parturition, where appropriate in accordance with instructions
- P8 deal with waste safely and correctly in accordance with legislation
- P9 keep accurate and up to date records as required by relevant legislation and the organisation
- P10 comply with legislation relating to the care and welfare of animals in a Home Office designated establishment
- P11 carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and 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 gestation periods of animals
- K4 the accommodation requirements for animals during gestation and parturition
- K5 the environmental conditions suitable to gestation and parturition and how they can be adjusted to suit the condition of the animal
- K6 equipment and materials that can be used to support parturition
- K7 animal requirements for feed and water during gestation and parturition
- K8 the reasons for monitoring the condition of the female during gestation
- K9 signs which indicate the health of the animals during gestation
- K10 the types of problems which may occur during gestation and after parturition, and to whom these should be reported
- K11 the procedures to follow if an animal is having difficulty during parturition
- K12 signs of normal and abnormal parturition and the assistance you may be required to provide
- K13 behaviour associated with parturition
- K14 the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of waste
- K15 appropriate records to be kept and their significance
- K16 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
- K17 your responsibilities under current animal welfare and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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