Care for animals used in support of gamekeeping and wildlife management



Overview

This standard describes your role in maintaining the health and well-being of animals used to support gamekeeping activities. It relates to the work activities that you undertake to feed, water and care for their health and well-being. This standard is aimed at those who work in game conservation on either a full- or part-time basis.

To meet this standard you will be able to:

- 1. feed animals
- 2. water animals
- 3. exercise animals
- 4. maintain the condition of animals

This standard relates to the following applications or context:

Identify feeding requirements in terms of:

food type feeding times

feeding routines

feed quantities

Select feed by:

type

quality

quantity

Monitor condition and behaviour in terms of:

appearance

posture

movement

bodily function

social interaction

Ensure animals have at least one of the following cleaning opportunities:

to clean themselves

to be groomed

Provide for the exercise needs of animals at:

work

rest

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:	Feed and water animals

- P1 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P2 select feed appropriate to feeding requirements
- P3 prepare and store feed correctly
- P4 supply animal with feed to meet feeding requirements
- P5 maintain a sufficient supply of clean fresh water
- P6 observe and report on feeding behaviour
- P7 clean and maintain feeding equipment fit for use
- P8 dispose of waste correctly

You must be able to:

Maintain the health and well-being of animals

- P9 carry out work safely in line with health and safety requirements
- P10 treat and handle animals in a manner which maintains their health and well-being
- P11 monitor physical condition and behaviour of animals
- P12 maintain cleanliness and condition of animal accommodation, disposing of waste according to organisational requirements
- P13 ensure animals have **cleaning opportunities** to maintain condition and well-being
- P14 provide exercise appropriate to needs of animal
- P15 report any concerns regarding animal behaviour or condition
- P16 clean tools and equipment after use

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

Feed and water animals

- K1 the health safety and requirements associated with feeding animals
- K2 the importance of feeding according to specified feeding requirements
- K3 how to identify different animal feeds
- K4 the dietary requirements of animals and how these vary at different life stages
- K5 how dietary requirements vary when the animal is at work
- K6 why it is important to select feed to meet given dietary requirement
- K7 the importance of maintaining an adequate supply of clean fresh water
- K8 why it is important to clean and maintain feeding equipment
- K9 what to do if any abnormal feeding behaviour is observed
- K10 the organisational and legal requirements controlling the disposal of waste

You need to know and understand:

Maintain the health and well-being of animals

- K11 the welfare requirements of working animals
- K12 how to promote the health and well-being of animals
- K13 why animals need exercise and how these needs change for animals during periods of work and rest
- K14 the requirements of animal accommodation
- K15 importance of cleaning to the maintenance of animal welfare
- K16 how to safely groom animals
- K17 how animals maintain their own appearance and function
- K18 normal animal behaviour and how to recognise abnormality
- K19 what to do if abnormal animal condition or behaviour is recognised
- K20 the signs and symptoms that indicate common ailments

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Glossary

For you to fully understand the content of the standard, and the activities it describes, it is important that you are able to understand the terms used within the standard.

The definitions below should help you with this.

Working animals

For example: gun dogs, guard dogs, ferrets, ponies etc.

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