

# SFJCCZJ1

## Monitor and maintain the health, well-being and safety of dogs



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### Overview

This unit is about looking after the health, well-being and safety of dogs that are used in the custodial context and being alert to potential hazards including sharp items, harmful substances, vehicles and dangerous areas.

#### There are two elements

- 1 Monitor and maintain the health and well-being of dogs
- 2 Monitor and maintain the safety of dogs

#### Target Group

This unit is appropriate to all staff working with dogs in the custodial environment.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

#### Monitor and maintain the health and well-being of dogs

- P1 monitor the dog's health and welfare at all times
- P2 recognise signs and symptoms of illness, injury and distress and take the appropriate action
- P3 administer prescribed treatments and medications to the dog following veterinary instructions
- P4 report changes in the dog's condition that might indicate side effects or adverse reactions to the treatment or medication promptly to the appropriate person
- P5 prepare and provide food and drink to the dog following nutritional and hygiene requirements
- P6 monitor the dog's intake of feed and water and take the appropriate action if there are any unexpected changes
- P7 bathe, clean and groom the dog at the required times using the correct techniques and equipment
- P8 dispose of the dog's bodily waste safely and correctly with due regard to the hygiene of yourself, others and the dog
- P9 complete all written records accurately and completely

#### Monitor and maintain the safety of dogs

*You must be able to:*

- P10 safely transport and regularly monitor the condition of the dog, according to legislation and organisational procedures
- P11 effectively monitor the area in which the dog is working for any potential hazards to the dog, yourself and others
- P12 identify any potential hazards to the dog and take the appropriate action
- P13 clean and maintain the dog's accommodation at home and at work safely, following approved routines
- P14 identify any concerns with the safety and security of the dog and take the appropriate action
- P15 control the movement of the dog confidently and safely, without distress to the dog
- P16 maintain dog handling equipment in good working order and use it in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and organisational procedures
- P17 complete all written records accurately and completely

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 cleaning routines for the dog and its accommodation and why these are important
- K2 safe and approved methods of collecting and disposing of the dog's bodily waste
- K3 how to monitor the dog's health and welfare during training, work, rest and recreation
- K4 the signs and symptoms of illness, injury and distress in dogs
- K5 what action to take (including first aid) when you identify signs and symptoms of illness, injury and distress
- K6 the location of first aid equipment for the dog
- K7 the common types of treatments and medication
- K8 how to administer treatments and medications to dogs
- K9 why it is necessary to monitor the behaviour of the dog after treatment/medication and report any unusual signs
- K10 the legal categories of different medications (e.g. prescription only, pharmacy medicine, general sales list, pharmacy merchants list and controlled drugs)
- K11 why treatments and medicines must always be administered following veterinary and manufacturer's instructions
- K12 how to handle and store treatments and medicines correctly
- K13 the importance of hygiene (including hand washing), and health and safety, during the preparation and serving of food to dogs
- K14 the different types of feed that are available, and how they should be prepared and stored
- K15 the general nutritional requirements of dogs
- K16 the importance of providing fresh water to dogs
- K17 the normal feeding behaviour of animals and signs of abnormalities
- K18 how to maintain the health, well-being and safety of dogs during transportation
- K19 potential hazards to the dog during training, work and recreational activities and how to deal with them
- K20 the need for the dog's accommodation to be safe and secure
- K21 the action to take if there are concerns about the safety and security of the dog's accommodation
- K22 how to maintain the health, well-being and safety of the dog during handling
- K23 the suitable grooming routines and why they are important
- K24 how to maintain dog-handling equipment in good working order
- K25 legal and organisational requirements in relation to the health, well-being and safety of dogs
- K26 the records required for monitoring and maintaining the health, well-

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