
Overview

This standard is about looking after the health, well-being and safety of dogs that are used in custodial environments.

It includes being alert to potential hazards including sharp items, harmful substances, vehicles and dangerous areas.

There are two elements

- 1 Maintain health and well-being of dogs
- 2 Maintain safety of dogs

**Performance
criteria**
Maintain health and well-being of dogs**You must be able to:**

- P1 monitor dogs' health and welfare at all times in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P2 take actions when dogs show signs of illness, injury and distress in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P3 administer prescribed treatments to dogs in accordance with veterinary instructions
- P4 report changes in dogs' condition that might indicate side effects to treatments within organisational timescales
- P5 provide sustenance to dogs in accordance with organisational nutritional and hygiene procedures
- P6 take actions when dogs' intake of sustenance changes unexpectedly in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P7 clean dogs using required equipment in accordance with organisational timescales
- P8 dispose of dogs' waste in accordance with your organisation's hygiene procedures
- P9 complete health records in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Maintain safety of dogs**You must be able to:**

- P10 transport dogs in accordance with legal requirements
- P11 monitor condition of dogs in transport in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P12 assess areas where dogs are working for potential hazards in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P13 take actions if hazards are identified in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P14 maintain dogs' accommodation at home and in the working environment in accordance with your organisation's procedures

- P15 take actions when concerns for the safety of dogs are identified in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P16 control movement of dogs without distressing them in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P17 maintain dog handling equipment in accordance with manufacturer's instruction
- P18 complete required records in accordance with your organisation's procedures

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 cleaning routines for dogs
- K2 cleaning routines for dogs' accommodation
- K3 approved methods of dealing with dogs' waste
- K4 how to monitor dogs' health
- K5 actions to take when dogs show signs of illness, injury and distress
- K6 locations of first aid equipment for dogs
- K7 common types of treatments for dogs
- K8 how to administer treatments to dogs
- K9 why it is necessary to monitor behaviours of dogs after treatment
- K10 the importance of reporting any unusual signs in dogs
- K11 legal categories of different medications
- K12 why treatments must always be administered following veterinary instructions
- K13 how to handle treatments
- K14 the importance of hygiene during serving of sustenance to dogs
- K15 different types of feed available
- K16 how to prepare feeds
- K17 general nutritional requirements of dogs
- K18 the importance of providing fresh water to dogs
- K19 normal feeding behaviour of dogs
- K20 signs of abnormalities in feeding behaviour
- K21 how to maintain health and safety of dogs during transportation
- K22 potential hazards to dogs during different activities
- K23 how to deal with hazards
- K24 the need for dogs' accommodations to be safe
- K25 actions to take when concerned about the safety of dogs
- K26 how to maintain health and safety of dogs during handling
- K27 suitable grooming routines
- K28 the importance of grooming
- K29 how to maintain dog-handling equipment
- K30 legal requirements in relation to health and safety of dogs

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K31 records concerning dogs

K32 how to complete records

Additional Information

Glossary

Legal categories for medications for dogs refers to prescription only, pharmacy medicine, general sales list, pharmacy merchants list and controlled drugs.

Organisational procedures can include prison service instructions, prison policies, legislative policies and any other policies and procedures used across custodial care in the UK.

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