

# Apprenticeships in Animal Care



Apprenticeships allow you to combine work with college-based training and result in the achievement of a range of qualifications. Abingdon and Witney College apprenticeships delivered on the Moulton campus offer an Intermediate and an Advanced Apprenticeship in Animal Care.

## Intermediate Apprenticeship

Our Intermediate Apprenticeship in Animal Care offers one pathway with a number of routes which is reflective of the areas of work within the animal care industry. You can choose routes in either animal welfare or grooming and each route covers a range of essential animal care units including health and safety, maintaining accommodation and animal health as well as specialist units including dog grooming units on pre-bathing grooming, hygiene clipping, bathing and techniques for drying to for different coat types.

## Advanced Apprenticeship

Our Advanced Apprenticeship will continue to develop your skills and competence. You will be working in roles such as a dog groomer, animal management technician or animal trainer. The core units include monitoring and maintaining health and safety, planning the handling and restraint of animals and supervising and controlling

the movement of animals. Optional units are selected to meet the needs of your employment and include reception work, providing exercise and feeding animals.

## Apprenticeship requirements

To complete your apprenticeship, you will also need to achieve English and maths, if you haven't already achieved a C (new level 4) or above at GCSE. You will also complete wider skills development relating to professional behaviours which will support you in your chosen career.



## Well equipped to deliver training in Animal Care:

- Industry-experienced lecturers
- A state-of-the-art Animal Therapy Centre including a canine hydrotherapy pool, water treadmill and a professional dog grooming parlour
- A wide range of animals – from meerkats and snakes to llamas and rabbits
- A fully operational farm

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Apprenticeships benefit the apprentice and the business they work for. Apprentices not only gain a job but also benefit from bespoke training and businesses are able to take on additional contracts, bring new skills and enthusiasm into the team and ultimately improve the bottom line.

## Getting started on an Apprenticeship

At the outset of the apprenticeship, we work with you and your employer to design

*I chose an apprenticeship as I like learning in a practical environment and liked getting paid. I have learned lots of new skills and putting together my portfolio clearly showed just how much I had learned. I had to be quite organised and manage my own time but I liked that I didn't have formal lessons.*

Poppy Medcraft, Diane's Grooming Centre

*Our dog grooming salon needed an extra pair of hands and we were fortunate to meet a young girl who was desperate to learn a trade with animals. Six months on she is now a most valuable member of our grooming team. I feel having an apprentice has worked for us so much that we will be looking for another one.*

Lois Hook, Diane's Grooming Centre

an apprenticeship that will best suit your role. These apprenticeships usually take about 18 months to complete but again, we'll discuss this with you at the start.

## Applying for an Apprenticeship

Apprentices need to be employed in a relevant role for at least 30 hours a week and be at least 16 years old. You may already have an employer who wants you to complete an apprenticeship with them but if you don't, get in touch and we'll see if we can help. Acceptance will be subject to initial assessment and interview to ensure that the apprenticeship is suitable for your vocational aptitude and transferable skills levels.

## How Apprenticeships benefit businesses:

- Apprentices bring new skills and enthusiasm into your team
- Your apprentice will be trained by industry experts
- Apprenticeships can be tailored to meet your industry needs
- We can help you recruit apprentices
- 100% Government contribution for training a 16 – 18 year old in a small business (less than 50 employees)
- Incentive grant of £1000 to support the additional costs of employing a young apprentice

## Apprenticeship Team

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