

VENUE AND DURATION OF COURSE:

John Ruskin College, 1 Year Full Time, 3 days per week.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

5 GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) including English and Maths; or City and Guilds Level 1 Diploma (Merit) and GCSE grade 9-3 (A*-D) in English and Maths.

A strong interest in animal care.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS WILL I GET?

Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Our well-equipped animal management unit provides a hands-on opportunity to work with a variety of species including small mammals and reptiles.

This course equips you with essential skills for the animal care industry, including feeding and watering animals, maintaining animal accommodation, handling and restraining, assessing animal behaviours, and basic animal biology. Additionally, you'll also have the chance to enhance your proficiency in Maths and English, while developing personal attributes such as time management, teamwork, and independent study.

Gain valuable industry exposure through our integrated work experience component. Practical sessions within the college and external placements, facilitated by your tutor, offer real-world insights and skill refinement. Explore settings like animal rescue centres or zoos to enrich your understanding of the field.

UNITS/TOPICS COVERED:

- **Unit 201 Maintain Animal Health and Welfare**
- **Unit 202 Undertake Practical Animal Feeding**
- **Unit 203 Maintain Animal Accommodation**
- **Unit 204 Undertake Work Related Experience in the Land-based Industries**
- **Unit 205 Understand the Basic Principles of Animal Biology**
- **Unit 206 Introduction to the Principles and Practices of Animal Behaviour and Handling**
- **Unit 212 Contribute to the Care of Exotic Animals**

TYPE OF ASSESSMENT:

There is continual assessment throughout the programme that allows students to constantly improve and develop their portfolio. Assessment comes in a range of forms including leaflets, handbooks, essays and reports, practical assessment and observation, class tests, presentations, discussion seminars and practical projects.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Students will need to provide their own navy lab coat to be worn during practical sessions. A uniform link will be provided upon enrolment.

Closed toed shoes must be worn at all times, boots are optional.

Basic stationary – lever arch file, pens, paper

NOTE:

Students studying Animal Management will be required to have an up-to-date Tetanus Vaccination. This is common in all environments where individuals are working closely with a range of species. This can be confirmed through your GP; you can find details on vaccination schedules on the NHS website.

WHERE CAN IT LEAD?

Achieving and passing the course, as well as a good reference from the tutor, will allow students to move onto a Level 3 Animal Management qualification.

COURSE FEE:

If you are under 19 on 31/08/2025, tuition is free. If you are 19 or over, please consult Client Services for advice and guidance on funding and eligibility.

Please be aware that there will be a £50 Non-Refundable course fee to cover trips and any associated materials required to run the course, including practical lesson resources and assignment/revision materials. The fee will need to be paid at enrolment or within the first 4 weeks of term (by agreement), as expeditions, trips and visits are booked in advance. Please note that this fee does not include uniform. Further information will be available from the curriculum staff at interview.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

If you have any outstanding queries please contact our Client Services team on 020 8651 1131 or at clientservices@johnruskin.ac.uk.

To apply online for this course please visit www.johnruskin.ac.uk.

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