

Animal Care

At KS4 in Animal Care we follow the BTEC Level 2 programme. This vocational qualification gives the pupils a flavour of working with animals and ensures they understand the importance of land-based industry to the UK economy.



Animal Care at Key Stage 4 is designed to give an introductory overview to some of the key principles, knowledge, understanding and skills relevant to the animal care sector. When studying this course, students will learn about animal health as a foundation as this knowledge and understanding is essential when caring for animals. They will also develop safe animal handling skills using live animals.

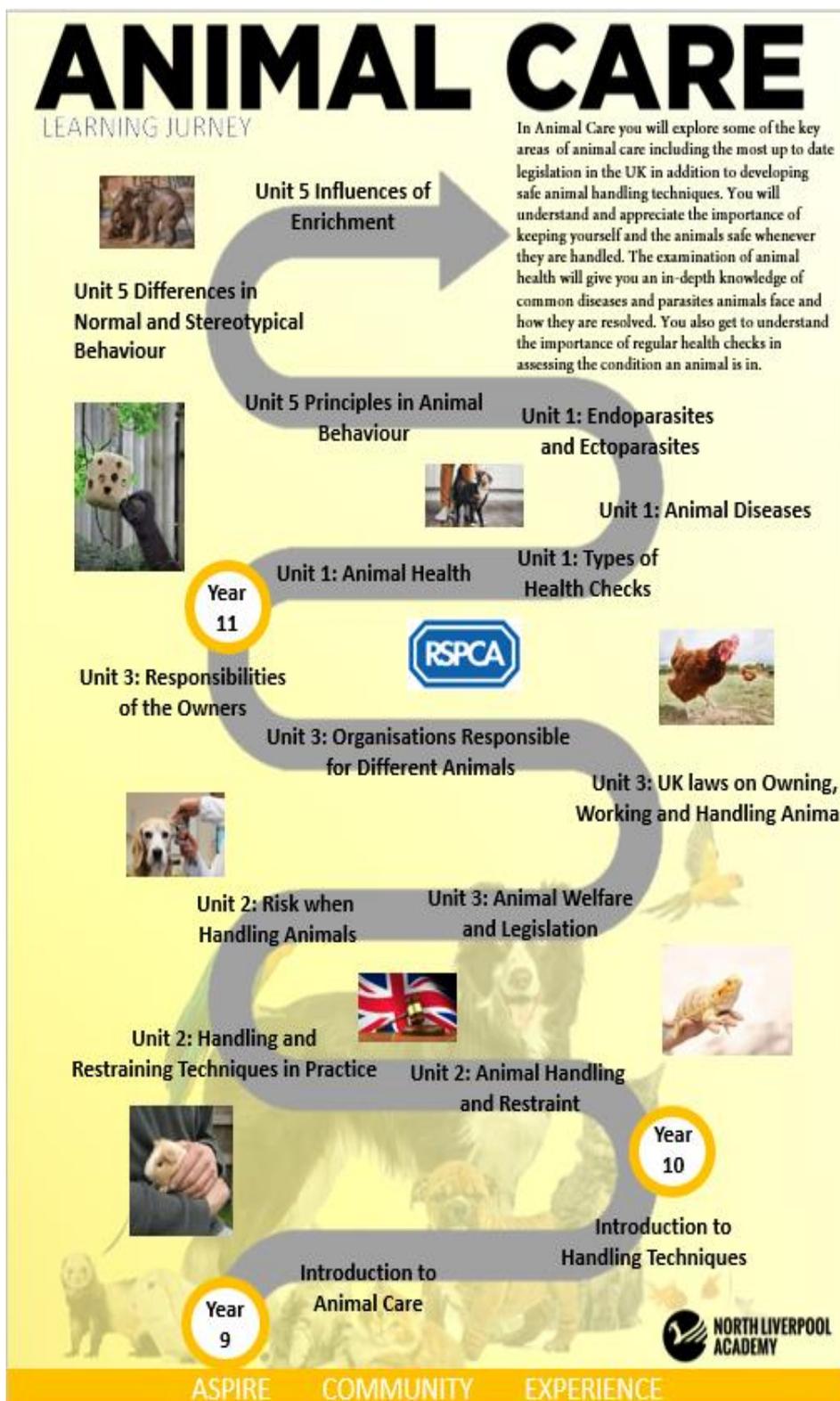
The Animal Health unit will develop student's knowledge and understanding of animal health, disease and parasite prevention, and how these components link together. This unit will provide students with a sound basic knowledge to provide the best possible care for animals. Students will learn how to assess the health of a variety of different animals

The Animal Handling unit will help students to become competent in handling and restraining small animals, large animals, exotic animals and reptiles. Students will learn about the reasons why it is necessary to handle and restrain animals, such as for health inspections, grooming or training. They will learn how to approach, handle and restrain animals safely, and build their confidence through practical assignments.

The Animal Welfare unit will gain an understanding of animal welfare, the purposes of working with animals and the responsibilities of animal owners. Students will also learn how animal-related organisations promote good animal welfare and responsible animal ownership.

The Animal Behaviours unit focuses on the elements that can impact on an animal's behaviour and how animals need to be kept in an environment which fulfils their welfare needs.

Our Learning Journey shows how our topics build upon each other and our students experience a wide variety of themes in order to broaden their learning experience:



Our curriculum at KS4 is as follows:

Year 10
Unit 2 Animal Handling - Become competent in the handling and restraint of a wide range of different animals Unit 3 Animal Welfare - Understand the importance of animal welfare agencies and the responsibilities of animal owners
Year 11
Unit 1 Animal Health - Learning how to carry out a general health check on a variety of animals to spot signs of common illness Unit 5 Animal Behaviours - Understand how animals interact with their environment and how we can enrich the lives of animals by providing activities and stimulus

Learning through Experiences in Animal Care

In order to enhance the provision of Animal Care beyond the curriculum, our students benefit from the following experiences:

- Regular animal handling experiences with a variety of animals throughout the course.
- Visits from Alwood Donkeys
- A workshop with the Creepy Crawly Roadshow
- Opportunity to work with the school Bee Hives
- Working with Rice Lane City Farm to experience the lambing season

