
Overview

This standard is about the provision of food and water to animals under supervision and instruction. It includes preparing and providing food and water to animals, in accordance with instructions, and reporting any changes in the animal's feeding or drinking habits to the relevant person.

You will need to be aware of the importance of health, safety, hygiene and current animal welfare legislation in connection with this work.

You will need to be aware of your own limitations and confirm that you meet the relevant legal responsibilities for maintaining the duty of care under current animal health and welfare legislation.

This standard is suitable for anyone who provides food and water to animals under supervision and instruction.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with workplace instructions, relevant legislation and organisational policy
2. carry out your work under supervision and instruction
3. comply with the relevant animal health and welfare and animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice
4. maintain the health and safety of yourself and all those involved in the activity, and the welfare of the animal, during the work
5. use relevant hand hygiene methods prior to providing food and water to animals
6. prepare and use equipment, utensils, materials and any personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the work, under supervision and instruction
7. clean the preparation area, utensils and equipment before and after use
8. prepare the required type and quantity of animal food, under supervision and according to instructions, in a way that minimises wastage
9. provide the required type and quantity of food to animals using relevant methods and utensils, under supervision and in accordance with instructions
10. provide the required quantity of water from the correct sources and systems under supervision and in accordance with instructions
11. provide animals with opportunities to express their natural feeding behaviour
12. maintain the safety and security of the animals when providing food and water
13. report any changes in the animal's feeding and drinking habits to the relevant person
14. dispose of any stale or unusable animal feed and any other waste safely and correctly in accordance with instructions, organisational practice and the relevant legislation

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15. store equipment and utensils ready for use, safely and securely in the required place
 16. maintain the records required by relevant legislation and organisational policy

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the importance of completing the activity under supervision and workplace instruction
2. your responsibility under the relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, associated codes of practice and organisational policies
3. your responsibilities under the relevant animal health and welfare, and animal-related legislation and associated codes of practice
4. the importance of hygiene and bio-security when preparing and providing animal food and water and how this can be maintained
5. the required hand hygiene techniques for preparing food and water for animals
6. the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and providing animal food and water and how they are used
7. how to prepare, use, maintain and store the equipment, utensils, materials and personal protective equipment (PPE) required for the work safely
8. the types of foods available for the animals you are working with and how they are prepared, including any particular precautions that should be taken
9. the importance of following the animal feeding plans under supervision and instruction
10. how to make sure the correct amount of food is prepared for each animal in accordance with the feeding plans
11. relevant legislation and associated codes of practice regarding the preparation of food for animals
12. the correct method of providing food for the animals concerned, under supervision and in accordance with instructions
13. why the correct sources of water and water systems should be used when providing water to animals under supervision and in accordance with instructions
14. the consequences of providing incorrectly preparing animal food and water

15. how to provide opportunities for animals to express their natural feeding behaviour
16. how to recognise changes in the feeding and drinking habits of the animals you are working with and the importance of reporting changes to the relevant person
17. how to maintain safety and security of yourself and the animals during the provision of food and water and why this important
18. the procedures for dealing with the different types of waste produced when providing food and water to animals
19. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing them in accordance with relevant legislation and organisational policy

Glossary

****Current animal welfare legislation:**** * England and Wales, Animal Welfare Act * Scotland, Animal Health and Welfare Act * Northern Ireland, Welfare of Animals Act (Northern Ireland) ****Types of food could include:**** * fresh * live * frozen * dried * wet food * complete * complimentary ****Equipment could include:**** * equipment for preparing food * equipment for serving food * Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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