

Animal Care Technical Certificate Level 2



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This Level 2 Animal Care course is available on both Duchy College campuses, which are each home to a large variety of animals

The Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care is about preparing you for any career with animals. Whether going into further study, wanting to become a pet shop assistant, a zookeeper or work in rescue centres, this course sets you up for a career in the animal industry.

Caring for animals can be an extremely fulfilling and rewarding career. From working in kennels and catteries to pet shops, rescue centres or sanctuaries, there is a wide range of careers available on successful completion of your course. With access to animal collections on campus, you will gain the practical training you need to pursue a career in this exciting industry.

This is a one-year course than runs from September to July. It is run over 3 days at college and 1 day at a work experience placement to gain at all important experience. This course uses a balance of theory and practice to help you develop the skills and know how to confidently work with animals great and small.

You will cover a broad range of topics that cater to all animals from small to large mammals, to birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians. You will learn how to maintain animal health and welfare and how to care for feeding and accommodation routines. You will explore animal behaviour and correct handling techniques, along with ensuring Health & Safety is paramount in the Animal and Land-based industries.

You will learn about how to care for exotics animals, aquatics, British wildlife and how animals' biological systems work.

You will study a combination of theory and practical work and can expect to spend time both at college and in a work experience placement of your choice. You will also have the opportunity to go on field trips to local zoos, wildlife parks and animal sanctuaries.

It is mandatory for students to wear PPE in practical sessions, more information about PPE will be provided upon application.



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Scan the QR Code for full course description, assessment and progression options from this course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements for external applicants and school leavers

- Three or more GCSEs including English and/or Maths at Grade 4, or successful completion of a relevant Level 1 qualification.



Entry requirements for existing learners with the Cornwall College Group

- Successful completion of previous course and Maths and/or English GCSE at Grade 4 or above and the other at Grade 3 or above.

Please note: Some of our courses may have extra entry requirements or need a bit more information, like evidence or experience. Don't worry—we'll guide you through everything when you apply!

LOCATION & NEXT START DATE(S)

Duchy College Rosewarne - 8 September 2025

Duchy College Stoke Climsland - 8 September 2025



LEVEL
Level 2

DURATION
1 Year

ATTENDANCE
Full-time

FEES
Tuition Fees: £1709.00
FREE for school leavers*

Fees apply to adults and HE students only. Only the most common fees scenario is shown. Actual fees may vary depending on your personal situation. Please contact us for further information. Courses listed on this website are indicative of the subject, nature and level of study. The College reserves the right to alter specific qualifications titles, awarding bodies and levels of qualification, which can change in year. Any cost may also vary, based on personal funding eligibility. The Cornwall College Group reserves the right to withdraw any course listed at any time.



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