

Animal Care Diploma



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If you are interested in working with animals and are considering working in this rewarding and varied industry, the Level 1 Animal Care Diploma course is for you.

As you study you will learn, develop and practice skills required for employment and/or career progression in the Land-based sector and gain valuable transferable skills. Throughout the course, you will be challenged, but the team of dedicated tutors will support you every step of the way to explore where you might want your career path to take you.

The Level 1 Diploma offers the opportunity to improve your GCSE grades in Maths and English if you want to gain a higher grade. This could assist you to progress onto a Level 2 programme or Apprenticeship.

At Duchy College, Rosewarne.

The Animal Care Unit is a wonderful learning environment and offers practical and theory sessions which are taught using the on-site facilities which are truly amazing. You will work in groups and complete practical tasks, under supervision, working on the College Campus with a wide range of animals in the Animal Unit. The animals you will be working with range from Large animals (Goats, Donkeys, pigs etc), Small animals (Rabbits, Guinea pigs, Chinchillas, Degus, Hamsters, Mice etc), Birds (Finches, Parakeets, Quails etc) and Exotics including (Reptiles, Amphibians and fish) so you can see there is literally something for everyone. You will also have the opportunity to learn about growing food plant and making use of the College's diverse facilities.

At Duchy College Stoke Climsland

We have a large range of animals at the college including rabbits and guinea pigs, goats, pigs, and rodents. We also have snakes, lizards, amphibians as well as fish. Alongside practical lessons your theory lessons in the classroom will include Health and Safety, preparing to work in Land-based industry, assisting with the health and well-being of animals, introduction to wildlife and conservation, assisting with feeding and watering animals, assisting with the preparation and maintenance of animal accommodation and assist with the handling and restraint of animals. All units are designed to give you the basic skills needed to care for a range of animals. Our animal care unit has been built to provide an environment for students to be able to learn the basics of animal care replicating industry standards. Our lecturers have background knowledge and experience in the animal care industry and are



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passionate about sharing this with students.

During the course, there will be guest speakers to share their knowledge and experience to enhance your learning and personal development. You will also have the opportunity to visit some animal establishments to see how your learning can be put into practice in the world of work.

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



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

- Two or more GCSEs at Grade 2 or above, or successful completion of an Entry Level qualification.
- Learners with relevant industry experience but no GCSEs at Grade 2 may be considered based on interview. For some courses this may include GCSE English or maths grade 2 or equivalent.



Entry requirements for existing learners with the Cornwall College Group

- Successful completion of previous course and, where relevant, meet the English and/or maths requirements of the Level 1 course.

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 - 7 September 2026

Duchy College Stoke Climsland - 7 September 2026



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LEVEL Level 1	DURATION 1 Year
ATTENDANCE Full-time	FEES Tuition Fees: £1709.00 FREE for school leavers*

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