

# Animal Care

City & Guilds Award / Certificate / Diploma in Skills for Working Life Entry Level 2  
 City & Guilds Award / Certificate / Diploma in Skills for Working Life Entry Level 3  
 City & Guilds Award / Certificate / Diploma in Land Based Studies Level 1

Students on this course look after the livestock, poultry and small animals on the college animal care units. Learners are responsible for the feeding, watering and mucking out of all the animals.

The small animal care unit houses guinea pigs, rabbits, gerbils, cockatiels, budgies and more. On the poultry unit students look after a range of rare breed chickens, some of which we have hatched and reared at Petty Pool. The eggs that our chickens produce are used in independent living sessions. We also have a goats farm, which are bred each year and sold at market. Our most recent additions to the farm are two thorough bred miniature Shetland Ponies.

As part of the study programme, all learners undertake work placements. The Animal Care group work at Tatton Park Farm, Paw Pad Doggy Day Care & Grooming and Leopold Equestrian. In addition to this they have worked with the RSPCA to help release foxes into the wild and a range of project with the Forestry Commission.

All students, whatever vocational pathway they take will have individualised functional skill sessions (maths & English) and undertake qualifications whenever possible. They also have weekly life skills sessions to develop independence and enrichment, where they choose from a range of leisure clubs.

## Employability

Students take part in vocational placements at;  
 -Tatton Park Farm  
 -Paw Pad  
 -Leopold Equestrian  
 They also take part in a range of group volunteer work with the RSPCA and Forestry Commission.

## Functional Skills

- BKS Initial & Diagnostic assessment (Pre entry upwards)
- Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualifications for learners at Entry 1 and above
- Exemption certificates applied for pre entry learners and those who have yet to progress to higher level with bespoke FS sessions implemented.

## Wider Learning

- Life Skills
- Enrichment
- Residential holiday opportunities

