

# Hopwood Hall College

## Level 2 Certificate and Diploma in Work-based Animal Care

### Pre-Enrolment



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## Preparing for College: A message from the Principal:

Thank you for applying to study at Hopwood Hall College. We look forward to welcoming you soon. We want to help make sure that you are as well prepared as possible so that you feel at home here from day one.

We understand that the transition from school to college can be daunting but there's no need to worry! We have plenty of pre-enrolment activities which will help to prepare you and make your transition as smooth as possible.

Before you join the College in September, we want you to begin to develop your skills. We have brought together some subject-specific information, signposting to helpful reading and relevant websites and some activities for you to complete.

Don't worry if you get stuck on anything, just try to complete as much as you can. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Student and College Services Team on 0161 643 7560 who will be happy to help.

**I look forward to welcoming you to your college very soon.**

**Julia Heap**  
Principal and Chief Executive



A photograph of four white goats in a grassy field. One goat is standing and eating from a green bucket. Another goat is lying down to the left. Two other goats are in the background, one of which is also eating from a green bucket. In the background, there is a blue barrel and a wooden fence.

#### 4.1 Describe the importance of personal hygiene and health and safety in preparing animal feed.

Scenario: Here at Hopwood Hall all our learners are required to wear PPE (suitable footwear and overalls) when working with the animals. You have been asked to feed the animals that are part of our livestock section, which include our Goats, sheep, alpacas and even some exotic birds including our Rhea.

Your task is to feed the livestock animals we have out in the paddocks here at Smallbridge animal centre. Think about your responsibilities when practising personal hygiene when working and feeding animals.

Remember we need to keep the animals healthy too and their feed troughs and water buckets are dirty from the mud. Don't forget about your PPE – why do we wear this when working with animals? Please complete this task below.

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It's breakfast time...so today you are in the kitchen preparing all the food for the animals. Researching an animal of your choice, list a range of fresh foods in the box below:

Ok so now we need to think about how we are going to prepare the food for the animal of your choice and what equipment you are going to need. Write this in the section below:

Describe any precautions that should be taken when preparing this food.

Great! Ok so now we have to feed our animals the dried food they need. You can find this at the pet shop. Jump onto the Pets at Home website and see what types of food they have for their small furry animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and other rodents and make a list in the box below.

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Well done! That's a good range of Dried foods that you have listed there for your chosen species. It's important to feed them a variety of foods to keep them healthy.

Ok so now we need to think about how we are going to prepare the food for the animal of your choice and what equipment you are going to need. Remember is important not to feed them too much otherwise they can become overweight and this affects their health. Write this in the section below:

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FROZEN FOOD

Now it's breakfast time for our reptiles. There are lots of different types of frozen foods available for snakes depending on the species or their size. We can't feed mice to juvenile snakes as they are too large.

Jump on to the Swell Reptiles website and see if you can find a range of frozen food available for reptiles. Once you are on their website look in their 'Reptile supplies section' and then look for 'Reptile frozen food'.

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TINNED FOOD

It's not just cats and dogs that eat tinned food see what others you can find at Pets at Home or on the Swell reptile websites and list them in the box below.

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**Describe the equipment and utensils that are used in preparing and serving animal feed.**

**Task:**

It's time to get creative. Design a poster on different equipment and utensils you need to prepare and serve food to the animals.

You can do this using paper and coloured pens or you can design it on a computer. Your poster must be A3 in size (that's two A4 pieces of paper stuck together). Make it colourful and don't forget to describe your equipment and utensils and what they are used for when preparing animal feed.



**Describe three situations in which animals may have specific nutritional need**

**Task:**

Animals can get really sick if we don't feed them the right foods.

Complete the table below describing the different nutritional needs ensuring that the foods we need to feed or the foods we must not feed are included in the prevention and treatment column. Hint: For Bearded Dragons we may also need to sprinkle something on to their food too!

Species	Disease	Signs and Symptoms	Prevention and treatment
Bearded Dragon	Metabolic Bone Disease		
Degu	Diabetes		
Guinea Pig	Scurvy		

**Achieved**

Signed: .....

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Explain how to identify the possible risks and hazards involved with handling and restraint of animals and how to minimise and respond to them

Task:

Complete a risk assessment.

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Explain how animals should be approached in order to minimise stress, promote animal welfare and maintain health and safety

Task

The idea of handling the alpacas is to get the used to it. It is therefore important not to stress them out too much during handling and restraint. Explain the how you should approach an alpaca in order to minimise stress, promote animal welfare and maintain health and safety.

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How to approach	How does it promote animal welfare	How to maintain health and safety

Explain how to recognise and assess the signs of stress and alarm in the animals being handled and restrained

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What are the signs of stress and alarm in alpaca? What behaviour would the alpaca be demonstrating to make you aware they are in stress?

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Explain why it is important to work within their own limitations and experience when working with animals

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Explain how to identify situations where it is not suitable for a person to approach, handle or restrain an animal without assistance and the possible consequences of doing so.

Task:

Identify situations where you would advise someone not to approach, handle or restrain an alpaca without assistance. What signs would indicate to you not to approach, handle or restrain an alpaca  
What could possibly go wrong if they handled the alpaca alone?

Situation	Indication	What might go wrong

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Signed: .....  
Date: .....

Describe the types of conditions that may affect the approach, handling and restraint of animals • physical • behavioural

Task

For each physical and behavioural can you identify conditions that may affect how you approach, handle and restrain and what you would do about it.

	Conditions	Different approach
Physical	Eg: The animal may be to heavy for one person to handle	Eg: Get extra people to assit
Behavioural		

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Signed: .....  
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Explain how to supervise others in the safe handling and restraint of animals

**Scenario:** You have been asked to supervise new college students handle the alpaca. Before your tutor gives you the responsibility you must explain how you intend to supervise and what are you looking for?

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Explain how you would supervise a group of students handling the alpacas and what would you be looking for?

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Describe how, and from whom, to obtain the necessary authority for handling and restraining of animals and when this may be necessary

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Summarise current health and safety, animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and any other additional requirements

**Describe the range of protective clothing which may be required and the reasons for its use**

**Scenario:** You work as an animal technician here at Hopwood hall college. One of your jobs is to ensure all staff and students are aware of the current health and safety, animal health and welfare legislation whilst on the animal unit.

Task:

Produce a detailed poster titled “Whilst working on the animal unit”. You should include:

- Animal Welfare Act 2006: Five freedoms
- Pet Animals Act 1951,
- Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002,
- Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002,
- Reporting of Injuries,
- Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences 1995

You should include a summary of each and why it is important when handling animals. For each give an example specifically concerning approaching, handling and restraining alpacas.

Ensure for Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002 you describe a range of protective clothing and why you would wear it.

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