8b. T Level in Animal Care and Management

The Progression Profile

This T Level has two occupational specialisms: Animal Management and Behaviour, and Animal Management and Science.

For this T Level, there are progression pathways into apprenticeships, education, and work.

The T Level is based on an occupational standard. The occupational standard will have an apprenticeship option, which is referred to in the profile as the ‘relevant apprenticeship’.

For some apprenticeships, in particular the relevant apprenticeship, a learner may have covered the content to a high level. They will not need to complete the apprenticeship in this step, this is noted as ‘not applicable’. An apprenticeship may also be shortened due to recognised prior learning (RPL). This is noted as accelerated.

For work, whilst some roles may be accessed after completing the T Level, others are available after further training and gaining more experience.

Please see below, the progression options for this T Level.

1. Animal management and behaviour Occupational Specialism

   For apprenticeships at level 3, the relevant apprenticeships are i) Animal Care and Welfare Assistant, ii) Keeper and Aquarist (not applicable), iii) Veterinary Nurse.

   At level 4, there is the Animal Trainer.

   At level 6 there is the Agriculture or horticulture professional advisor apprenticeship.


   For work, career progression could include: Trainee Zookeeper, Trainee Veterinary Nurse, Natural sciences Curator, Animal Care Assistant, Animal Trainer/Behaviourist, Animal Welfare/Rescue Assistant, Animal Conservation Officer, Animal Handler, Dog Walker/Pet Sitter, Animal Education Officer and Animal Keeper.

2. Animal management and science Occupational Specialism

   For apprenticeships at level 3, there is Veterinary Nurse, Animal Technologist and Keeper and Aquarist. Veterinary Nurse and Keeper Aquarist are accelerated.
At Level 5, there is **Vet Technician Livestock**.


For **work**, career progression could include: Animal Care Assistant, Trainee Veterinary Nurse, Animal Technician, Animal Centre Assistant, Laboratory Technician, Research Assistant, Trainee Wildlife Assistant, Trainee Zookeeper, Wildlife Rehabilitation Worker.
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Animal Management and Behaviour
Occupational Specialism

Relevant apprenticeship:
Animal Care & Welfare Assistant
Keeper and Aquarium
Not applicable

Apprenticeships and Technician Qualifications

Level 3
Animal Care & Welfare Manager (in development)
Detection and protection working dog specialist (in development)
Keeper and aquarium (not applicable)
Veterinary nurse

Level 4
Animal trainer
(being revised)

Degree options may include:
Animal Behaviour
Animal Welfare
Animal Conservation
Animal Management
Animal Nutrition
Zoo Management

Career progression could include:
Animal Care Assistant*
Animal Handler
Trainee Zookeeper
Animal Trainer/Behaviourist*
Dog Walker/Pet Sitter
Trainee Veterinary Nurse**
Animal Welfare/Rescue Assistant
Animal Education Officer
Natural Sciences Curator
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