QUEEN ALEXANDRA COLLEGE BIRMINGHAM

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STUDENT COURSES

Entry Level 3/Level 1 Laser LEAP qualification with Animal Care

Programme Outline:

Our LEAP Hub Animal Care programme offers an engaging and practical learning experience that helps students develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed to work with animals while preparing for employment, further study and adult life. Students gain hands-on experience caring for a diverse range of animals, including invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and birds.

Students learn about animal health, welfare, behaviour and husbandry while developing safe animal handling techniques and an understanding of industry standards. The course combines practical animal care activities with classroom-based learning, providing students with both theoretical knowledge and vocational skills.

A key part of the programme involves maintaining high standards of animal welfare. Students actively participate in daily husbandry tasks, including preparing food and water, cleaning and maintaining enclosures, monitoring animal wellbeing and completing routine care activities. These experiences help students understand the responsibilities and expectations of working within the animal care sector. This plays a major part in the course structure and helps to prepare students for the world of work.

Qualifications range from Entry Level 3 to Level 1.

Areas covered within this programme include:

- Developing confidence working with animals
- Grooming small animals
- Cleaning and maintaining enclosures
- Preparing food and water for small animals
- Checking that an animal is healthy
- Routine care activities
- Professional and employability skills
- Independent living skills (ILS)
- Confidence-building
- Teamwork



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- Healthy living,
- Citizenship
- Rights and responsibilities.

In addition, students will have access to a wide range of ongoing wellbeing and mindfulness initiatives.

Work Experience:

Students also take part in work-related learning opportunities across a range of settings, including farms, rescue centres, stables, and pet stores. These experiences help develop communication, teamwork, problem-solving, responsibility, and independence while building confidence in real working environments.

English and Maths:

Discrete sessions in English and maths including a qualification route, where applicable. Functional English and maths embedded via the curriculum.

Progression:

Progression opportunities may include further education, supported internships, employment, volunteering, or additional vocational training within the animal care sector.

