

## **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 **education**, degree options may include: Animal Behaviour, Animal Conservation, Animal Welfare, Animal Management, Zoo Management and Animal Nutrition.

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 **education**, degree options may include: Zoology, Veterinary Nurse, Bioveterinary Sciences, Ecology and Conservation, Animal Science, Animal Physiotherapy and Animal Nutrition.

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  
**(UNDER REVISION)**  
Keeper and Aquarist  
Not applicable

**Apprenticeships and Technician Qualifications**

**Education**

**Work**

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

**Level 4**  
 Animal trainer (being revised)

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

**Career progression could include:**

Animal Care Assistant*	Animal Handler
Trainee Zookeeper	Dog Walker/Pet Sitter
Trainee Veterinary Nurse**	Animal Trainer/Behaviourist*
Natural Sciences Curator	Animal Welfare/Rescue Assistant
	Animal Conservation Officer
	Animal Education Officer
	Animal Keeper

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**Animal Management and  
Science  
Occupational Specialism**

Relevant apprenticeship:  
[Animal Care & Welfare Assistant](#)  
**(UNDER REVISION)**

**Apprenticeships and  
Technical Qualifications**

**Level 3**  
Animal Care & Welfare Manager (in development)  
[Veterinary nurse \(accelerated\)](#)  
[Animal Technologist  
Keeper and Aquarist \(accelerated\)](#)

**Level 5**  
[Vet technician livestock](#)

**Education**

**Degree options may include:**

Zoology	Bioveterinary sciences	Animal physiotherapy
Veterinary nursing	Ecology & conservation	Animal nutrition
	Animal science	

**Work**

**Career progression could include:**

Animal Care Assistant*	Animal Centre Assistant	Trainee Wildlife Assistant
Trainee Veterinary Nurse**	Laboratory Technician	Trainee Zookeeper
Animal Technician	Research Assistant	Wildlife Rehabilitation worker