



ACCREDITED COURSES – LEVEL 1 ANIMAL CARE

Do you love animals and aspire towards a job in the animal care industry? We offer fully accredited courses designed to prepare students for future careers within animal care.

Here at West Midland Safari Park (WMSP) we provide a unique opportunity for students to engage with animals in a live, natural setting. Our course lecturers have a wide range of experience in varying different sectors of animal care. The animal care team are dedicated and passionate about their role in inspiring the future generation of animal management specialists.

All of our courses have both practical and theory-based lessons as well as work experience elements to ensure that students gain the theoretical knowledge and practical experience needed to make them employable.

Our Education Department houses a wide range of animal species such as raccoon dogs, tenrecs, reptiles and small mammals, providing students with practical experience in handling exotic species. Learning in such a unique environment also allows for the observation and study of many of the 260 species WMSP also cares for.

Many of our students progress through the levels within animal management courses, but there are also progression routes into work-based learning or other Higher Education courses, as well as the opportunity for direct employment within the animal care sector in a wide range of jobs.

Level 1 Diploma in Work Based Animal Care

The Level 1 Diploma in Work Based Animal Care is a year-long course run in partnership with Kidderminster College. Teaching takes place on site at WMSP in the Safari Academy. The Course is designed for students who are just starting out in animal care who will gain the basic skills and knowledge to work in a supervised role within the animal care industry.

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Students will work with domestic and exotic species such as small mammals, reptiles and invertebrates. There will be practical aspects of this course which will focus on assisting with the daily care of animals and their accommodation. Students will also gain valuable animal handling experience throughout this course and assist with daily tasks such as health checks and enclosure maintenance.

Entry Requirements

There are no entry requirements for this course, however a passion for working with animals or some basic experience would be considered beneficial.

Delivery and Assessment

The units covered in this qualification will be assessed by gathering work based evidence into a portfolio.

Progression

After this course, students may choose to continue their studies with the Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care or enter employment within the animal industry.

**If you would like further information about our accredited courses,
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