



## ACCREDITED COURSES - LEVEL 2 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 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care

The Level 2 Technical Certificate in Animal Care is a year-long course run in partnership with Birmingham Metropolitan College. Teaching takes place on-site at WMSP, in the Safari Academy. The course is designed to develop students' skills and knowledge, enabling them to recognise signs of health, understand animal feed requirements, identify behavioural traits and know how to apply these in practical situations.

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Students also focus on the care of exotic animals, exploring sourcing and transporting different species along with preparing and maintaining appropriate accommodation. Throughout the course, students work with a number of different species of animals including, ferrets, reptiles and tenrecs.

During the year-long course, students receive an introduction to important topics in animal care. They will also cover the science behind animal behaviour and study the anatomy of different animal species. There are opportunities during the year to gain valuable work experience within the animal care industry, providing a taste of what working with animals entails.

### **Entry Requirements**

Students will need four GCSEs at grade D or above including Maths and English or a Level 1 related subject e.g. land-based studies. A keen interest in the care of animals is essential.

### **Delivery and Assessment**

Assessment will be through coursework in optional units as well as a large synoptic assignment, an end-of-year exam encompassing all mandatory units and a work experience portfolio.

### **Progression**

After this course students may choose to continue their studies with the Level 3 Advanced Technical Extended Diploma in Animal Management or enter employment within the animal industry.

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