



Welcome to Animal Care

We are anticipating a fun year of lessons and practical, both on and off site, sharing encounters with animals both small and large, building confidence, lifelong friendships and supporting you in your chosen vocation towards your future careers.

What to bring in September

To get the best out of your course, it helps to ensure you have the resources you will require. We strongly recommend that you purchase the following:

- Laptop or other internet enabled device (this is not essential, however it is recommended)
- Pen, coloured pens, pencil, ruler, eraser, highlighter and sharpener
- Pad of A4 lined paper
- Lever-arched file
- Scientific calculator

You will also be required to purchase branded uniform (polo shirt and boiler suit) for practical activities, in addition you will need sturdy boots/wellington boots and waterproofs, be prepared for any weather, we will be going out rain or shine.

Our Student Services team offer financial support towards the costs of coming to college. For further guidance, please contact one of the team directly on: **01539 814700** or go to the student money pages on the website.

Summer preparation

We'd encourage you to watch as many animal documentaries as possible (ideas below) & research animal organisations to help you prepare for your studies in September.

Nexflix programmes

Blue Planet II, Life by David Attenborough, Absurd! Planet, Dancing with the Birds, Tiger King.

Other TV shows

The Supervet, Big Animal Surgery, Seven Worlds One Planet.

Animal organisations/websites

RSPCA, RSPB, BIAZA, Zooniverse, IUCN Red List.

Summer tasks

Levels 1 & 2

- Find out what the five Animal Needs are according to the Animal Welfare Act (2006) and what the possible consequences to an owner are for not meeting an animal's needs

T-Level

Please complete the Summer Assignment detailed on the PowerPoint and relating to the ESP Brief, available on the welcome website.



Find out more...



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Enrichment information

Alongside your day-to-day study, there are also many other enriching activities you can take part in. During the duration of your course we will be aiming to organise an international trip. The tour will be educational as well as cultural allowing students to explore the countries wildlife.

Students will also have the opportunity to take part in many activities including visits to zoos, wildlife parks, wetlands and universities. We also partner with local festivals, for example Country Fest, Westmorland County Show and Kendal Torchlight Festival.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Animal Care Department!

If you are unsure of anything, this information will be further explained at Enrolment Day and during your induction.

Work experience

Work placement is a mandatory part of your course. The hours you are required to do will depend on your course and your tutors will be able to give you more information on this on Enrolment Day.

Where do I start looking for a placement?

- Look at a variety of large and small companies in your local area that may have opportunities available
- Ask friends and family – do you know anyone who may be able to offer you a relevant work placement?
- Don't be afraid to contact employers directly (make sure your CV is up to date in case they ask for it!)
- Be ahead of the game – remember there are lots of other students looking for placements, so the sooner you start exploring your options the better

If you have any questions or need any further advice relating to your work placement, you can contact the Student Experience and Progression team on **01539 814700** or email **studentexperience@kendal.ac.uk**