

BORDERS COLLEGE

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title	Animal Care Technician (Maternity Cover)
Post Holder	
Accountable To	Delivery Team Manager – Landbased and Rural Skills
Responsible For	
Department	Rural Skills

Overall Purpose of Job

To care for a variety of small animals making sure their needs are met whilst also supervising students who are taking part in practical sessions.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- To care for all animals that is part of the Newtown campus including feed, water, medicating and general husbandry.
- To undertake all aspects of healthcare of the animals
- To observe and direct the tasks students undertake within practical sessions
- To maintain the animal care rooms and equipment within them, ready for use at any time
- Ensure that there is sufficient supply of food, water, bedding and medical equipment. Place orders when required following college policy and procedure.
- Complete relevant and up to date medical history on each, whilst also filling out any reports and safety checks to the animal care rooms
- Doing any general maintenance to the animal accommodation or equipment within the animal care rooms
- To ensure full security of all animal care facilities
- Provide guidance to students about safe handling, husbandry and health care of animals.
- Take on work placement students and show them how to provide appropriate care for the animals on site.
- Take people on induction tours
- Attendance at internal and external meetings as required
- Weekend cover for holidays

The above mentioned duties and responsibilities represent the current situation and may change over time to reflect the changing needs and requirement of the College.

Signed Date
(Staff Member)

Signed Date
(Line Manager)

PERSON SPECIFICATION

QUALIFICATIONS		Essential or Desirable
Relevant Qualification in Animal Care or related discipline at SCQF Level 7 or above		Essential

KNOWLEDGE		Essential or Desirable
Animal Care Sector knowledge		Essential
Current legislation relevant to keeping animals		Essential
Animal health care and relevant legislation		Essential

EXPERIENCE		Essential or Desirable
Experience in working with small animals/fish/birds		Essential
Experience of working in Animal Care sector		Desirable
Experience of animal health care		Essential

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS & ABILITIES		Essential or Desirable
Excellent communication skills – both individual and group		Essential
Negotiating and influencing skills		Essential

OTHER ABILITIES/QUALITIES		Essential or Desirable
Good time management & organisational skills		Essential
Effective decision-making skills		Essential
Good ICT skills		Desirable
Ability to work flexibly and effectively respond to changes		Essential