

You should know that eating and drinking is not allowed in the classrooms and workshops.

### **How will I be assessed?**

To achieve the Course award you must successfully complete all five Units.

Assessment will be based on a range of practical activities in real or simulated settings together with self-evaluation reviews and a portfolio. Assessors will watch you undertake tasks and you will be expected to demonstrate an awareness of Health and Safety throughout.

Each Unit will be supported by a NAB (National Assessment Bank item).

This course will show on your final Exam Certificate as an Intermediate 1 award.

### **What can I do after this course?**

This Course may provide candidates with opportunities to progress to:

- Scottish Progression Award in Rural Skills at Intermediate 2
- SVQ's/NVQ's in appropriate land-based sector vocational areas
- Full-time programmes in Further Education Colleges (e.g. Aberdeen College)
- Other suitable training or employment.

### **Who should I speak to about this course?**

If you are interested in this course and want to find out more about it you should speak to your Guidance Teacher at school.

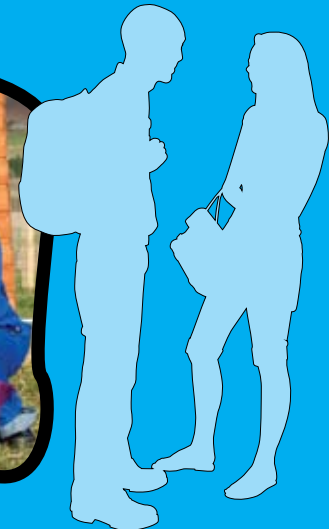
# Time to choose?



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## Aberdeen College School Links

**Skills for Work  
Rural Skills - Animal Care  
Intermediate 1**



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**Information for Pupils and Parents**

**Your school has joined with Aberdeen College to offer you the opportunity to undertake a vocational qualification as part of your school studies. This information leaflet is designed to answer your questions and explain a bit about the course you will be taking.**

### **What is it?**

Animal Care is a well established industry with a number of qualifications available ranging from National Qualifications and SVQ's to University Degrees. By completing this Course you will be developing important skills which will give you the chance to take these further by continuing with further training and qualifications on leaving school, or enter suitable employment in the future.

Skills for Work Rural Skills is a new National Course available in various colleges throughout Scotland. This Course will give you an introduction to Rural Skills and Animal Care, which will result in gaining a recognised SQA National Qualification.

### **What will I learn?**

During this Course you will:

- Build a broad base of knowledge, skills and understanding related to land-based disciplines: agricultural livestock, equine industries and animal care
- Develop an awareness of health and safety issues relevant to a range of activities
- Develop your communication skills
- Develop aspects of the Core Skills of Working with Others
- Build technical knowledge and skills in relation to working within the industry
- Develop good practice in maintaining a tidy and safe work environment
- Be prepared for further learning opportunities, study and training opportunities in the area of Agriculture and Animal Care.

### **How will I be taught?**

You will be taught by a variety of learning methods and practical activities, which will include classroom based lessons as well as real life experience. You will be taught at Aberdeen College Clinterty Centre, both indoors and outdoors. Classes will generally last from 2 to 2½ hours.

You will be expected to demonstrate:

- Good time keeping skills
- A safe approach to working
- A willingness to learn
- A knowledge of appropriate dress
- An ability to work independently
- Planning and preparation skills
- An ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with others
- Problem solving skills
- An ability to review and identify how your skills are developing.

### **What will I study?**

The Course is made up of the following five Units:

- Land-based Industries: An Introduction
- Estate Maintenance
- Employability Skills in the Land-based Sector
- Animal Husbandry: An Introduction
- Animal Handling: An Introduction.

Some of the things you will learn about include the variety of career opportunities in the Sector, the range of handyman tasks common to the industries, including plumbing repairs and fence repairs, how to carry out the tasks required for maintaining the health and well-being of an animal species in a commercial setting and how to handle and restrain an animal.

### **What do I need?**

Whilst you are taking part in the course you will be required to always:

- Wear the appropriate clothing, including safety boots, overalls, gloves and waterproofs
- Be ready to start your class at the given time
- Adhere to the School Pupils Code of Commitment.