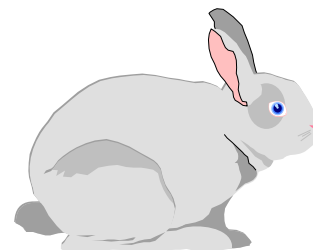


## Working with Animals

- Some work with animals may be entered at 16—18.
- There are various levels of work some require study to HND or degree level
- Jobs can be scarce and there is a lot of competition



### Some career ideas

Kennel worker
Horse groom
Riding instructor
Dog groomer
Horse racing jockey
Farm livestock
Zoo keeper
Animal technician
For more information use your careers library or <a href="http://www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u">www.connexions-direct.com/jobs4u</a>

### Looking for Jobs

- Read Connexions job vacancy posters displayed in school/college or log on to our website [www.thesource.me.uk](http://www.thesource.me.uk)
- Look on the Jobcentre Plus website [www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk](http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk)
- Ring or write to employers you would like to work for
- Ask friends, family & neighbours to help you in your job search
- Read job pages in the local papers especially each Wednesday
- Use the Internet – some employers post careers information and vacancies on their web-site.
- Be sure a job really interests you, if it does, apply immediately
- Register with Connexions when you leave education
- Check Yellow Pages or [www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com) for addresses under the following headings:

Boarding kennels, Pet services, Dog & cat grooming, Dog training, Riding schools & stables, Veterinary surgeons, Zoos, Dairy farmers, Livestock breeders and dealers

**REMEMBER - to keep on looking for your own employer**

## Training

All jobs involve some sort of training:

- (a) "On the job" training that helps you to do the work on a day to day basis, or
- (b) Training that also leads to a recognised qualification such as an NVQ (National Vocational Qualification)

**An Apprenticeship is a job with training at NVQ level 2 or 3.**

Apprenticeships include improving your "Key Skills" such as communication, numeracy & IT, which are relevant for all jobs and technical certificates related to the type of work.

\* Some training providers offer a Programme led Pathway. This means that you would start by working towards the Key Skills and Technical Certificates at the training centre to prepare you for moving on to an apprenticeship.

**NVQs** are different to GCSEs, because they are very practical and relate to the job you are learning to do. They can be gained in different ways, such as one day per week at college, in blocks of training, once per month in a training centre, etc.

**NVQs in Animal Care will include the following:**

**Horse Care includes:**

- handling horses
- riding skills
- health
- feeding
- stable equipment

**Animal Care (from dogs to reptiles) includes:**

- exercise
- health
- behaviour
- disease
- looking after animal houses

**Gamekeeping includes:**

- habitats
- breeding
- housing & releasing game
- health
- tractor driving
- estate maintenance

**Dog Grooming includes:**

- bathing, drying, clipping-style of cuts for different breeds
- dietary deficiency
- skin disease

## Don't forget ...

For further information about courses relevant to Animal Care at college – you can refer to the following sources of information:

- College prospectuses
- Suffolk 14-19 Learning Opportunities - [www.future4me.org.uk](http://www.future4me.org.uk)

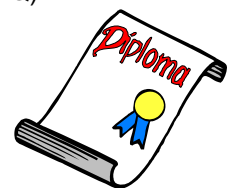
## Time Off for Study or Training

If you are 16 or 17 years of age you have a right to paid time off work for study or training if:

- You are employed
- You did not obtain 5 GCSEs at grades A\* - C or the equivalent (e.g. an Intermediate GNVQ)

The Government has given this right to young workers so that they can:

- Be given another chance to obtain recognised qualifications
- Be more valuable to employers



If you are not receiving training in your job then contact Connexions and ask to speak to someone about your "Right to Time Off for Study and Training"

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London Road North  
Lowestoft  
NR32 1BH

Tel. 01502 508680

The Cangle Junction  
Haverhill  
CB9 9PF

Tel. 01440 765050  
(Open Mon, Tues, Wed  
10-12am; 1 -3 pm)

**Freephone: 0800 085 4448**

**Web: [www.thesource.me.uk](http://www.thesource.me.uk)**

**Email: [enquiries@connexionssuffolk.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@connexionssuffolk.org.uk)**

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