



# BTEC First Certificate

## Animal Care

### Unit 4: Animal Housing & Accommodation Level 1/2

<b>Assignment title</b>	<b>Assignment A2-Preparing &amp; Maintaining Animal Housing</b>
<b>Assessor</b>	J Parry
<b>Date issued</b>	20 Mar
<b>Hand in deadline</b>	19 May
<b>Duration (approx)</b>	15 hours

<b>Qualification covered</b>	<b>Unit 4: Animal Housing &amp; Accommodation</b>
<b>Units covered</b>	<b>Unit 4</b>
<b>Learning aims covered</b>	<b>Learning aim B: Prepare and maintain animal accommodation</b>

<b>Scenario</b>	In the Animal care unit, you are in charge of accommodation and have to prepare accommodation for 2 new animals. You will also be expected to maintain the housing to make sure the animals stay happy & healthy. You will need to choose & prepare housing, fixtures & fittings, & bedding. You also to need to create a checklist for others to show them how to carry out safety & maintenance checks in the future
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Level 1	Level 2 Pass	Level 2 Merit	Level 2 Distinction
<b>Learning aim B: Prepare and maintain animal accommodation</b>			
1B.3 Prepare animal housing and bedding to the required standard for two species of animal, using a checklist.	2B.P3 Prepare animal housing, bedding and fixtures and fittings to the required standard for two given species of animal.	2B.M2 Explain why the correct preparation of animal accommodation is important in relation to the needs of two given species of animal.	2B.D2 Evaluate the preparation and maintenance of given animal accommodation and suggest improvements
1B.4 Carry out appropriate safety and maintenance checks for one type of animal accommodation using a checklist.	2B.P4 Carry out appropriate safety and maintenance checks against a prepared checklist for two types of animal accommodation.	2B.M3 Plan and carry out appropriate safety and maintenance checks with confidence and dexterity for two types of animal accommodation	

## Tasks

<b>Task 1</b>	<p>Starting with an empty cage or tank, prepare a wonderful home for your chosen animals (2 different species). Take photos of the accommodation at different stages, and provide descriptions of what you did &amp; why. You should include the right size of housing, all fixtures &amp; fittings &amp; bedding.</p> <p>Finally introduce the animal &amp; see if they like it!</p>	
<b>Evidence you must produce for this task</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 sets of photographs of yourself setting up the accommodation with appropriate commentary</li> </ul>	
<b>Criteria covered by this task:</b>		
To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:	Unit	Criterion reference
Prepare animal housing, bedding and fixtures and fittings for two given species of animal	4	2B P3

<b>Task 2</b>	<p>You will be provided with a checklist which will allow you to check 2 different types of accommodation. This is to make sure it is still safe &amp; secure for your chosen animals. Take photos of yourself carrying out the checks &amp; add notes to explain what you are doing &amp; why.</p>	
<b>Evidence you must produce for this task</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Checklist and annotated photos for 2 species</li> </ul>	
<b>Criteria covered by this task:</b>		
To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:	Unit	Criterion reference
Carry out appropriate safety and maintenance checks against a prepared checklist for two types of animal accommodation	4	2B P4
<b>Sources of information</b>	<p>Your tutor will have a list of sources of information that you can use for this assignment.</p>	

<b>Task 3</b>	<p>Prepare a <b>plan and checklist</b> for safety &amp; maintenance for each of 2 different accommodations, with at least 6 different criteria to check. These could be given to people who are taking animals home for the holidays for the first time.</p> <p>Make sure you include what to do in emergencies (such as animal running away, finding new babies in the nest, finding a dead animal etc)</p> <p><b>Demonstrate</b> the use of your checklist to someone who is about to take an animal home, your teacher can produce a witness statement to provide evidence.</p>	
<b>Task 4</b>	<p>Research and answer the following questions in order to demonstrate how important the correct preparation of animal accommodation is. (choose 2 species)</p> <p>Why do lizards need UV lamps? Heat lamps? Hiding places? Suitable substrate?</p> <p>Why do gerbils need thick substrate? A variety of substrates? Wooden items? Enrichment?</p> <p>Why do rabbits need <u>both</u> hay and straw? Access to an outside run? Somewhere to dig?</p>	
<b>Evidence you must produce for this task</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan a checklist for 2 species</li> <li>• Demonstrate the use of the checklist (M3)</li> <li>• Witness statement</li> <li>• Answer the questions (M2)</li> </ul>	
<b>Criteria covered by this task:</b>		
To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:	Unit	Criterion reference
Explain why the correct preparation of animal accommodation is important in relation to the needs of two given species of animal.	4	2B M2
Plan and carry out appropriate safety and maintenance checks with confidence and dexterity for two types of animal accommodation.	4	2B M3
<b>Sources of information</b>	Your tutor will have a list of sources of information that you can use for this assignment.	

<b>Task 5</b>	The Animal Care unit has been given a second-hand henhouse. Check it over carefully, describe & explain what you did, including photos. Evaluate the state of the accommodation & suggest how it could be brought up to your high standards.	
<b>Evidence you must produce for this task</b>	Written report	
<b>Criteria covered by this task:</b>		
To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:	Unit	Criterion reference
Evaluate the preparation and maintenance of given animal accommodation and suggest improvements.	4	2B D2
<b>Sources of information</b>	Your tutor will have a list of sources of information that you can use for this assignment.	

<b>If you have not achieved the Level 2 criteria, your work will be assessed to determine if the following Level 1 criteria have been met.</b>		
To achieve the criteria you must show that you are able to:	Unit	Criterion reference
Prepare animal housing and bedding to the required standard or two species of animal, using a checklist.	4	1B.3
Carry out appropriate safety and maintenance checks for one type of animal accommodation using a checklist.	4	1B.4

**Accommodation 1.**

	Yes	No	Details
<b>Is the location safe?</b>			
• Dangerous equipment?			
• Electric hazard?			
• Cleaning equipment/products?			
• Other dangerous animals?			
<b>Are there any hazards in the housing?</b>			
• Rough surfaces/splinters/wires?			
• Holes?			
• Damaged surfaces/equipment?			
<b>Is the accommodation secure?</b>			
• Door catches?			
• Quality of construction?			
• Size of gaps in bars/netting?			
<b>Is any maintenance required?</b>			
• Safety or security?			
• Preventing leaks/rotting parts?			
• Any painting/new parts needed?			

**Accommodation 2.**

	Yes	No	Details
<b>Is the location safe?</b>			
• Dangerous equipment?			
• Electric hazard?			
• Cleaning equipment/products?			
• Other dangerous animals?			
<b>Are there any hazards in the housing?</b>			
• Rough surfaces/splinters/wires?			
• Holes?			
• Damaged surfaces/equipment?			
<b>Is the accommodation secure?</b>			
• Door catches?			
• Quality of construction?			
• Size of gaps in bars/netting?			
<b>Is any maintenance required?</b>			
• Safety or security?			
• Preventing leaks/rotting parts?			
• Any painting/new parts needed?			

**To help with M2**

Here is an example of a checklist that our technician has produced about the care & maintenance of an animal. Use this as a guide when producing your own.

Terrapin:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Food							
Water levels							
Filter							
Lights							
Heaters							
Locks							
Spot clean							
Big clean							
Notes							

In case of emergencies, please call Katie on 07780996503 or contact the local veterinary surgery. If anything breaks and must be replaced, keep the receipts and we will reimburse you.