

320 ASSESSMENT GUIDE

Unit 320: Undertake Animal Training

This unit develops your practical animal training skills. You will assess animal behaviour, select and use appropriate training aids, carry out an animal training programme and evaluate its success.

You will complete **4 practical tasks** across the unit.

TASK A

Assessing Animal Behaviour

What you need to do

Carry out behavioural assessments on **two different animals** to determine whether they are suitable for a training programme.

Present your findings in a **report** (maximum 1,500 words).

Your report must include

Behavioural Assessment

- Select an appropriate behavioural assessment method.
- Explain why it is suitable for each animal and situation.

Assessment Method

Describe:

- How the behavioural assessments were carried out
- Equipment used
- The process followed

Assessment Results

Present the results of both behavioural assessments.

From these results:

- Select one suitable animal to continue with training.

Learning Theory

Provide a summary of the animal learning theories that support your chosen training programme.

Training Programme

Design a training programme for the selected animal, clearly linking it to an appropriate learning theory.

How to achieve higher grades

Pass

- Appropriate behavioural assessment selected.
- Behaviour assessments completed on two animals.
- Results presented.
- Suitable animal selected.
- Basic summary of learning theories.
- Basic training programme produced.

Merit

- Assessment method clearly justified.
- Accurate description of how assessments were carried out.
- Results discussed before selecting the animal.
- Learning theories clearly summarised.
- Training programme linked to behavioural assessment and learning theory.

Distinction

- Assessment method fully justified for each animal.
- Detailed explanation of the assessment process.
- Results evaluated to justify the chosen animal.
- Accurate summary of learning theories.
- Detailed and well-justified training programme based on the assessment findings and learning theory.

TASK B

Training Aids Within a Training Programme

What you need to do

Take part in a practical assessment using a range of animal training aids.

Your assessment must include

Identifying Training Aids

Identify **10 different training aids** suitable for animal training.

Evaluating Training Aids

Evaluate training aids for **two different training scenarios**, for example:

- Basic obedience training for a puppy
- Trick training

Select the most appropriate training aid for each scenario.

Using Training Aids

Describe or demonstrate how to correctly use **two different training aids** within a training programme.

How to achieve higher grades

Pass

- Correctly identifies 10 training aids.
- Basic evaluation of training aids.
- Appropriate equipment selected.
- Brief explanation of how to use two training aids.

Merit

- Detailed evaluation of advantages and disadvantages.
- Appropriate equipment selected using evidence.
- Detailed explanation of how to correctly apply two training aids.

Distinction

- Comprehensive evaluation considering:
 - Species
 - Breed
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Suitability
- Uses practical examples.
- Fully justifies equipment choices.
- Detailed explanation of correct application for different situations and animals.

TASK C

Training an Animal

What you need to do

Design and carry out a complete training programme for an animal to achieve a specific goal.

Examples include:

- Trick training
- Obedience
- Recall
- Target training

Your chosen goal and programme must be approved by your tutor before training begins.

Your training programme must include

- Animal details
- Training goal
- Training methods
- Equipment
- Timing
- Rewards
- Environment
- Any other important considerations

Practical Training

Implement the programme by training the animal.

Evidence should include:

- Photographs
- Video recordings
- Learner commentary

Review

Review:

- Whether the training goal was achieved
- The success of the programme
- What worked well
- What could be improved

How to achieve higher grades

Pass

- Basic training programme submitted.
- Practical training completed.
- Basic review of success.
- Basic evaluation using results.

Merit

- Detailed training programme.
- Good understanding shown during practical implementation.
- Progress reviewed against the original goal.
- Detailed evaluation of most aspects of the programme.

Distinction

- Well-developed training programme requiring little or no modification.
- Excellent practical implementation.
- Full review of progress towards the goal.
- Comprehensive evaluation of all aspects of the programme using evidence.

TASK D

Evaluating the Success of an Animal Training Programme

What you need to do

Modify your original training programme based on your evaluation from Task C. Your tutor must approve any modifications before they are carried out.

You must then deliver a **formal presentation** lasting no more than **10 minutes**.

Your presentation must include

Training Programme Summary

Provide an overview of the original training programme.

Evaluation

Explain:

- Whether the programme was successful
- Why it was or was not successful

Programme Modifications

Describe:

- What changes were made
- Why they were needed
- How they were incorporated into the training programme

Evidence

Include photographic or audiovisual evidence showing the modified programme being carried out.

Evaluation of Changes

Evaluate whether the modifications improved the outcome.

How to achieve higher grades

Pass

- Brief summary of the programme.
- Basic analysis of success.
- Some justification for proposed modifications.
- Evidence of modifications provided.
- Brief evaluation of the modified programme.

Merit

- Accurate summary of the training programme.
- Good analysis of success.
- Well-justified modifications based on practical evidence.
- Clear explanation of how modifications were implemented.
- Evidence demonstrates good understanding of training methods, equipment, rewards and environment.
- Modified programme evaluated against the results.

Distinction

- Concise and accurate summary.
- Thorough evaluation of the programme's success.
- Detailed and fully justified modifications.
- Clear explanation of how modifications improved the programme.
- Excellent evidence showing successful implementation.
- Critical evaluation of the modified programme after the changes were made.