

ASSIGNMENT 320

UNDERTAKE ANIMAL TRAINING

Task A Assessing animal behaviour

Assessment criteria

- 1.1 Carry out behavioural assessment on animals to assess for suitability for inclusion into a training programme
- 1.2 Design a training programme for an animal based on learning theory and behavioural assessment

Assessment guidance

To complete task A the learner is required to complete practical behavioural assessments on two different animals from the range (e.g. horse, dog, cat, rabbit etc), and write a report detailing the following:

- selection of an appropriate behavioural assessment (depending on animal selected and situation)
- description of the method of the behavioural assessment on two animals – including equipment used
- results of the behavioural assessment
- selection of one suitable animal for training programme
- summary of animal learning theories
- design of proposed training programme for one selected animal with reference to a specific learning theory

The report should be presented in appropriate report format and no more than 1,500 words.

The assessor feedback should identify learner strengths and weaknesses and should be in line with the marking criteria. This task may be achieved at Pass, Merit or Distinction.

Marking criteria

Task	Pass	Merit	Distinction
A	The learner has selected a behavioural assessment method and has briefly described how this was carried out on two animals. The results of the assessment are presented and based on these a suitable animal has been selected. Learning theories are accurately summarised and an appropriate but basic training programme is designed.	Pass criteria were met plus: The learner has selected an appropriate behavioural assessment method (based on individual animal and situation) and accurately described how this was carried out on two animals. The results of the assessment are presented and discussed which leads to selection of a suitable animal. Learning theories are accurately summarised and an appropriate training programme is designed based on the initial behavioural assessment and learning theories.	Merit criteria were met plus: The learner has selected an appropriate behavioural assessment method which is well justified (based on individual animal and situation) and accurately described in full detail how this was carried out on two animals. The results of the assessment are concisely presented discussed and evaluated which leads to justified selection of a suitable animal. Learning theories are accurately summarised and an appropriate well justified and detailed training programme is designed based on the initial behavioural assessment and learning theories.