



Competition Brief

Competition Title

Inclusive Skills: Animal Care Competition

Competition Overview

This competition is designed to develop individuals' awareness regarding the requirements of basic care for rabbits and guineapigs.

The scope of the competition enables learners to develop knowledge and put into practice a variety of skills that are required to care for these small animals in relation to feed they require to maintain a healthy balanced diet and appropriate bedding and housing necessary for their welfare. It will also incorporate health and safety aspects including the importance of wearing correct PPE and overall hygiene.

- Task duration: 1hr 30 minutes

Entry Criteria

This competition is intended for individuals who are:

- Aiming to develop skills and interest in animal care and working towards Entry level 1.
- A statement of support outlining any individual needs of the participant within the competition must be submitted by the 14th of March 2025 along with an entry form.
- The learners must have the skills and competence to complete the task.

Entry Capacity Restrictions by organisation

- Entry capacity restriction by organisation – maximum of up to 2 per location plus a maximum of 2 reserves can be registered in case of absence.

Brief

Participants will be given 45 minutes to complete a practical task feeding rabbits and guinea pigs following a visual feed board.

Learners will then have a further 45 minutes to design 2 posters on appropriate feed and bedding for the same small animals.

This competition will test participants knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- Health and safety and PPE in the workplace
- Animal care knowledge and skills
- Following and implementing a visual feed board

This competition will run as follows:

Task 1

Following a visual feed board to feed rabbits and guinea pigs alternately

Practical assessment:

- Demonstrate animal care health and safety whilst preparing and feeding the animals.
- Collect bowls and water dispensers and clean and prepare before adding feed and liquids.
- Follow visual feed board to add dry feed to one bowl and fruit and veg to the second bowl (example of feed board will be distributed).
- Follow visual feed board to carry out any additional feed/drink they require e.g., hay and water.
- Place the bowls, hay and water dispensers in the correct designated place, in the correct animal run.
- Clear away equipment and clean work area.
- Demonstrate personal hygiene post task e.g., gloves in the bin and washing hands.

Task 2

Design two posters:

- Demonstrate animal care knowledge.
- Understand rabbit and guinea pig needs.
- From a selection of visual options, choose the correct bedding and housing for a rabbit (poster 1) and guinea pig (poster 2).

- From a selection of visual options, choose the correct feed and drink for a rabbit (poster 1) and guinea pig (poster 2).
- Place and stick answers onto the poster template provided ready to present to judges.

Infrastructure List

Provided:

Task 1

- Visual feed board
- Dry feed, scoops, feed tubs, pre chopped fruit and vegetables, hay and water.
- Feed bowls and tray, water dispenser, hay containers.
- Animal runs and animal replicas (fluffy animals).
- Cleaning brushes, bottle brushes (for water dispensers), drying cloths and washing facilities.
- PPE – Gloves (disposable).
- Dustpan and brush and cloth.

Task 2

- Poster templates (A3 Size)
- Selection of visuals (some correct, some incorrect)
- Glue sticks

Required from participants:

- Appropriate footwear e.g., wellies or work boots.
- Gloves, if disposables aren't suitable for the competitor.
- PPE appropriate for the weather and activities.

Competition specific Rules

- Participants will receive a health and safety briefing.
- Participants will start, and finish work as instructed by the judges.
- Equipment will be provided by the organisation.
- Participants will have 1 ½ hours to complete all their tasks.
- Statement of support outlining any individual needs of the learners will need to be submitted prior to the competition, including how many staff will be supporting them.
- Participants must only receive support if it is highlighted in their support statement.
- All risk assessments will be provided to staff and learners before the competition commences.

- If during the competition a participant feels they must leave their work (e.g., medical reasons, toilet break) they will have the time recorded on a 'time out' sheet by a member of staff.
- The judge's decision is final.
- Photographs will be taken during the event that may be used for marketing / publicity purposes – if the participant / support staff cannot have their photo taken it is the responsibility of the college entering the competition to notify the organisers beforehand and at the event.

Marking and Assessment

The marking and judging of this competition will be done by a team of experts from Further Education or Training Provider, using marking criteria and allocated marks to ensure consistency.

Competitors will be marked against the following criteria:

Practical Activity	
Health and safety/Cleaning of work area and correct use of PPE	10%
Collect, clean and prepare bowls and water dispensers	10%
Follow feed board instructions and implement	30%
Give prepared feed to correct animals in the correct designated areas	10%
Poster Activity	
Correct housing and bedding	20%
Correct feed	20%
Total:	100%

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