

# QUICK GUIDE TO ANIMAL STUDIES

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**Stamford**  
College

# WELCOME

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Our aim is to give every young person the opportunities to achieve to the best of their abilities, so they can progress to further study with us, to find employment or an apprenticeship, or progress to higher education.

We are committed to ensuring our students get the best education possible and will do everything we can to help you achieve your goals.

We look forward to a successful partnership, working with you to ensure your success.

*J. Meenaghan*

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# COURSES

**At Stamford College we offer amazing Animal Studies courses taught by industry-experienced staff.**

Explore different careers in the industry with opportunities to study across the globe such as a Safari Study Tour in Africa! You'll also take part in local visits to zoos, wildlife centres, aquariums, farms, kennels, catteries and safari parks.

**ANIMAL CARE**  
Diploma Level 1

**ANIMAL CARE**  
Diploma Level 2

**ANIMAL CARE**  
Extended Diploma Level 3



# WHY STUDY WITH US?

**STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES**



We have a dedicated Animal Studies Unit which is home to over 100 different species from Boa Constrictors to Meerkats. We also have a spacious library and comfortable wifi-enabled spaces to study and socialise with your friends.

**ONCE IN A LIFETIME TRIPS**



We have amazing trip opportunities available to our animal studies students, such as safaris, local zoos and wildlife centres as well as aquariums, farms, kennels, and catteries.

**MATURE ENVIRONMENT**



We treat our students like adults. All of our teachers have worked in the industry and are highly experienced with animal care.

# CAREERS MAP

Set out on your path to a career in...

## MARINE & CONSERVATION

- Marine and Freshwater Biologists
- Marine Rescue charities
- Marine Careers in Aquariums
- Aquarist
- Aquarium Supervisor
- Marine Curator
- Herpetologists

## VETERINARY

- Veterinary Nurse
- Animal Hydrotherapist
- Veterinary Receptionist
- Veterinary Surgeon
- Veterinary Physiotherapist
- Veterinary Chiropractor
- Veterinary Osteopath
- Veterinary Homeopath
- Veterinary Chiropractor

## ANIMAL CHARITIES

- Animal Care Assistant
- Animal Care/Welfare Manager
- RSPCA Inspector
- Re-homing/Adoption Officer
- Veterinary Team
- Campaigns Officer
- Companion Animal Behaviourist
- Home Visitor for an Animal Charity

## ZOOS

- Zookeeper
- Wildlife Ranger
- Zoologists
- Habitat Designer/Zoo Horticulturist
- Curators
- Veterinary Team
- Registrar

## CANINE

- Kennel Assistant
- Kennel Managers and Supervisors
- Dog Trainer/Dog Handler
- Dog Groomer
- Assistance Dog Trainers
- Canine Hydrotherapist

## WILDLIFE

- Wildlife Rehabilitator
- Wildlife Biologist
- Countryside Warden or Ranger
- Ornithologist
- Wildlife/Countryside Conservation Officer
- Gamekeeper
- Zoologist

...plus so much more! Book an appointment with our Careers team for more ideas and advice!

# ANIMAL CARE Diploma Level 1

50%

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PRACTICAL VS THEORY

Course Code: **FLDAMAP**  
Duration: **1 Year Full Time**

This practical course will develop your understanding of the land-based industry. You will learn how to assist with maintaining the health, wellbeing and accommodation of animals, including feeding, watering and handling, and how to care for and grow plants.

### Entry requirements

No formal entry requirements are required, just a desire to work with animals in the land-based industry.

### What does the programme include

You will learn through a combination of theory and practical-based learning including written assessments, group discussions, presentations and practical handling of a variety of species.

### How the course will be assessed

The majority of the assessment is completed through ongoing assessment and practical handling of a variety of species.

### Progress to

On successful completion of this course you can progress onto the Animal Care Diploma Level 2 or employment in the industry.

### Additional information

Overalls are provided for various levels but you will be required to purchase a tunic and steel-toe capped boots. This will be arranged by the College and more information will be provided regarding this at interview and enrolment.



# ANIMAL CARE

## Diploma Level 2

**30%** **70%**  
**PRACTICAL VS THEORY**

Course Code: **DP2AMAP**  
Duration: **1 Year Full Time**

**Develop the practical skills and experience you need to pursue a career working with animals. You will learn how to maintain animal accommodation, practical feeding, caring for exotic animals and their biology. You will undertake compulsory work experience to expand your knowledge, working in real life animal care settings.**

### Entry requirements

4 GCSEs at grades 3/D or above, including English, maths and preferably a science.

### What does the programme include

You will learn through a combination of theory and practical-based learning including written assessments, group discussions, presentations and practical handling.

### How you will be assessed

The majority of the assessment is completed through ongoing assessment and practical handling of a variety of species.

### Course content

You will study the following units:

- Work related experience in the land-based industries

- Maintaining animal accommodation
- Practical animal feeding
- Animal health and welfare
- Introduction to the principles and practices of animal behaviour and handling
- Basic principles of animal biology
- Contribute to the care of exotic animals

### Progress to

On successful completion of this course, you can progress to the Animal Care Extended Diploma Level 3 or employment as an:

- Animal Technician
- Animal Care Shelter Worker
- Pet Shop Assistant
- Kennel or Cattery Worker



### Additional information

The course contains very practical elements and sensible, weatherproof clothing is required, although tunics are provided. Steel toe capped boots are essential, and will need to be purchased before you start the course. Both of these are arranged via the College and more information will be provided at interview and enrolment. All jewellery must be taken off during practicals and hair tied back.



# ANIMAL CARE

## Extended Diploma Level 3

20% **80%**  
PRACTICAL VS THEORY

Course Code: **ED3AMAP**  
Duration: **2 Years Full Time**

Expand your knowledge across a range of subject areas in the Animal Care and Management industries including animal health, anatomy and physiology, animal welfare, breed development, animal nutrition, husbandry, ecology and conservation and wildlife populations. **Compulsory work placements will support your progressions to university or into industry with invaluable practical experience.**

### Entry requirements

5 GCSEs at grades 4/C or above including English, maths and science, or a Merit in Animal Care Diploma Level 2 including GCSE English and maths at grade 4/C or above, and a Distinction in Biology.

### What does the programme include

You will learn through a combination of theory and practical-based learning including written assessments, group discussions, presentations and practical handling.

### How the course will be assessed

You will study 15 units overall, three of which will be assessed externally through exams. The remaining units will be assessed through a variety of methods including, practical assessments, written assignments, presentations and portfolios of evidence. You will also do 300 hours of work placement in Year 2.

### Course content

You will study 7 units in your first academic year including:

- Animal Biology (Exam Based)
- Animal Welfare and Ethics (Exam Based)
- Practical Animal Husbandry
- Animal Behaviour
- Animal Health and Disease
- Human Animal Interaction
- Zoological Animal Health and Husbandry

In the second year, units studied will be:

- Animal Breeding and Genetics (Exam Based)
- Work Experience
- Investigate Project



- Animal Metabolism
- Advanced Animal Nutrition
- Principles of Animal Nursing
- Exotic Animal Husbandry
- Wildlife Ecology
- Conservation Management

### Progress to

On successful completion of this course you can progress onto the HND in Animal Management at University Centre Peterborough, or other degrees at university, or careers such as:

- Zoo Keeper
- Animal Behaviourist
- Animal Welfare Inspector
- Pet Shop Manager

### Additional information

Explore different careers in the animal care industry and study the different types of animals across the globe with a Safari Study Tour in Africa! You'll also

take part in more local visits to zoos, wildlife centres, aquariums, farms, kennels, catteries and safari parks. You will engage with very practical elements and sensible, weatherproof clothing is required, although tunics are provided. Steel toe capped boots are essential and more information will be provided at interview and enrolment. All jewellery and piercings must be taken off during practicals and hair tied back.



“The Animal course has been absolutely amazing. The lectures and the trips we go on have all helped me to progress onto studying Animal Behaviour at the University of Lincoln. Studying a college course is not doing the ordinary, it’s doing something unique and out of the ordinary.”

**Charlotte Eadie**



“The course has allowed me to undertake a work placement at Paphos Zoo in Cyprus to further study animals in different climates.”

**Lewis Griffin**

# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

We often invite guest speakers from industry to meet and chat to our students.

Our most recent guest in the Animal Studies Department was Laura from Animals UK, who among many other things run interactive workshops in education settings where they demonstrate amazing methods of diffusing what seem to be insurmountable phobias, deliver fascinating facts and give you the opportunity to truly experience the amazing.

Laura talked about her career and her experience of volunteering at a variety of zoos. She explained to our students how she trains her animals for the benefit of their welfare.

Opportunities such as this allow you to meet lots of new people, make invaluable contacts and ask all your questions about working in the industry.

**Follow our socials to keep up with everything going on at College!**



*Animals UK Visit*



# PROGRESSION ROUTES



We offer information, advice and guidance to support decisions about learning, training and work opportunities now and in the future. This includes:

- A specialist Careers Advisor
- A Personal Development Programme to develop study and employment skills
- CV Writing Workshops
- Dedicated UCAS Support
- Work Experience
- Personal Career Plan
- Mock Interviews
- Tips and talks from employers
- Dedicated Apprenticeship team to support applications

## Personal Development Programme

Each term focuses on a different topic such as Careers and Employment, Prevent and British Values and Progression.

## University Fair

We also organise a Careers and University Fair in preparation for the UCAS deadline where universities from across the country and our largest local employers are invited to meet students and support them with their next steps.



# Ask us a question!



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