

College Taster Pack  
**Animal Care Level 1**



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## Welcome

Welcome to Animal Care we hope that this booklet will answer some of the questions you might have about your course as well as ensure you are fully prepared to start your study with us in September. Please complete the tasks in this booklet as they will ensure you have some foundation knowledge that will help you with your first lessons and give your lecturers a good idea of your starting point.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the email at the bottom of the page.

The team and all the animals are looking forward to greeting you at the Common Leys Farm campus on your first day of term.

### Key information:

Your level 1 animal care course is a very practical hands on course. You will need to be prepared to be working with the animals most days of the week.

What you need to bring to college:

- College logo overalls
- Suitable farm footwear
- Waterproofs
- Pen and paper
- Your college ID

You can get a locker at the farm to store your outside gear for a £10 deposit on your first few days.

The level 1 course is four days a week 9:30am to 4:30pm.

Your course will include:

- Your vocational topic- Animal Care
- Maths and English
- A tutorial programme
- Work experience; internal on the college animal unit and external at another animal business of your choice for two weeks.
- The head start programme

Remember the free shuttle bus is provided by the College from Witney to Common Leys.

At enrolment you will receive your college ID please ensure you always have this with you. If you do not have it for any reason, please ensure you sign in at reception on arrival.



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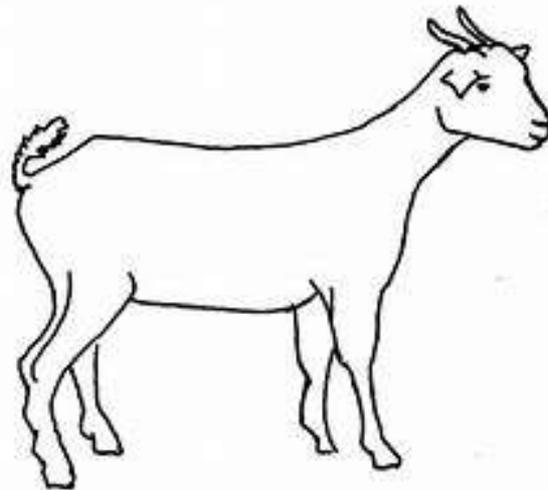
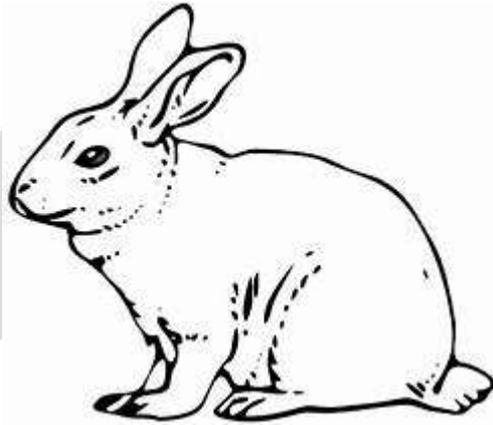
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## Pre-Enrolment Tasks

### Task 1: Health checking

Label these pictures to show signs of good and bad health of the animal:



You will learn how to carry out a full health check on a number of different animals. Can you list some equipment you might need to carry out a health check?

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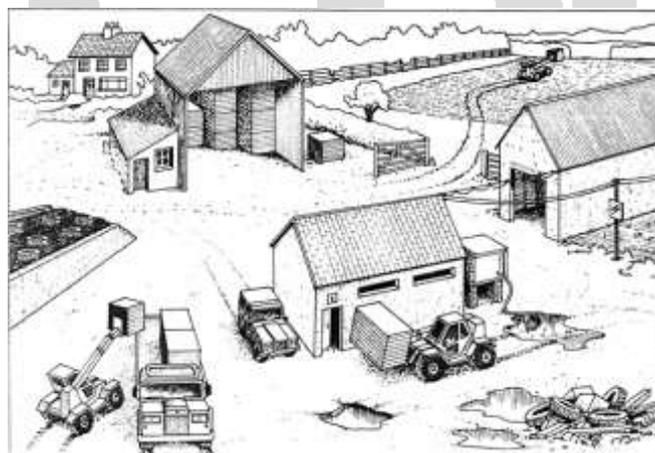
## Task 2: Health and Safety

Working on a farm and with animals is a dangerous job. During your course you will learn how to keep yourselves and others safe. It is important that you are able to spot a potential hazard.

Identify the common safety symbols:

Common Sign	What does it indicate?	Common Sign	What does it indicate?
			
			
			
			

Circle all of the hazards in this picture:



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#### Task 4: Work Experience

List five jobs in the animal care industry:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Label the personal protective equipment being worn by this veterinary nurse:



What else could she be wearing?



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## Further reading

- <https://www.bluecross.org.uk/advice/guinea-pig>
- <https://www.hse.gov.uk/agriculture/hsagriculture.htm>
- <https://www.countrysmallholding.com/how-to-s/getting-started>
- [https://www.petmd.com/rabbit/care/evr\\_rb\\_how-to-care-for-your-rabbit](https://www.petmd.com/rabbit/care/evr_rb_how-to-care-for-your-rabbit)

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