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Practice Aptitude Quiz

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Part 1: About this quiz

Use this quiz to prepare for an Apprenticeship in Animal Care

This quiz:

- Is NOT a formal assessment tool or pre-requisite for any job application
- Shows key learning standards for the Animal Care industry
- Has been developed with the help of industry leaders, TAFE and high schools

Quiz details

This quiz will:

- Take approximately 60 minutes to complete
- Ask you numeracy and literacy questions specific to the Animal Care industry
- Assess your literacy and numeracy at a Year 11 standard
- Allow you to use a calculator
- Share correct answers at the end

Who should take this quiz?

You should complete this quiz if you:

- Are thinking about starting an Apprenticeship in Animal Care
- Want to practise for a formal aptitude test

Need help with your literacy and numeracy skills?

If you want to improve your literacy and numeracy skills, reach out to any of the below:

- Australian Apprenticeship Support Network providers
- Your Registered Training Organisation when you start training
- Reading Writing Hotline:
1300 655 506
www.readingwritinghotline.edu.au
- Careers advisers and your teachers (if you're in high school)

More information about the Animal Care industry

Visit www.yourcareer.gov.au/industries/A/agriculture-forestry-fishing

On this page you'll be able to:

- See the most popular Animal Care occupations
- Get general information and statistics about the industry
- Search for Animal Care courses

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How to use this quiz

This is an interactive form that can be filled out on your computer.

You can either:

- Fill it out on your computer; OR
- Print it out; OR
- Write your answers down on paper as you go.

Use the answers section at the end of the quiz to see how you went.

How to complete this quiz on your computer

1. Download and save the quiz onto your computer
2. Open the file from your computer
3. Fill in the form using a keyboard and mouse

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Part 2: The Quiz

Section 1: Language and Literacy

1. Write the following words in alphabetical order in the right-hand column:

Invertebrate

Rodent

Breed

Dachshund

Doberman

Species

Mammal

Microchip

Nutrition

Amphibian

Hygiene

2. Name the type of bird shown in this picture, select the correct response:



Source: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cockatoo)

Cockatiel

Budgie

Canary

Cockatoo

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3. The following text has 10 errors in it. Identify the errors and write the words correctly in the table below:

part of your employer's responsobility to provide workers with a safe and healthy workplace involves the provision of traning and information about safe working practices. in relation to reducing the risk of a manual handling injury, this might involve providing training and informattion on correct work methods, such as lifting techniques and the correct use of mechanical aids.

supervisors and managers, health and safety representatitves and staff responsible for work organisation and job and task design should also receive training.

As an employe you have a responsibility to follow precedures for working safely, and to use any protective equipment which has been provided.

1.	2.
3.	4.
5.	6.
7.	8.
9.	10.

4. Zoe works for an animal grooming business. She has been asked to get a dog out of a cage but the dog is behaving in an aggressive manner by curling its lip and growling. Select the best course of action for Zoe to take:

Tell the dog to shut up and bang the cage.

Ignore these signs and go into the cage and pull it out by the collar.

Ask for help from a senior person.

Ignore the instruction and go and do something else.

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5. The sign shown below means which of the following? Select the correct response:



- There has been a chemical spill.
- You need boots to walk through this area.
- You must wear glasses to enter.
- The floor is wet and you may slip over.

6. The six words below are misspelt. Correctly spell each one in the column on the right:

- Heilthy _____
- Communnication _____
- Infecshion _____
- Treet _____
- Envirenment _____
- Servis _____

7. Match the term in the first column with the animals listed below. The answer to the first term has been provided:

Animals: cat; rabbit; cow; dog; bird; and horse.

- | | |
|---------|-------|
| Porcine | Pig |
| Bovine | _____ |
| Equine | _____ |
| Lapine | _____ |
| Canine | _____ |
| Avian | _____ |
| Feline | _____ |

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8. Read the text below and answer the following questions:

Wild dogs, like people, are social animals and live in a variety of social groupings, including pairs, family groups, non-breeding groups and 'lone wolves'. Groups hunt cooperatively and, as they are social animals, conflicts within the group are minimised by the existence of a social structure.

This is termed a 'social hierarchy,' with dominant and submissive dogs within a group. By displaying a number of physical and behavioural characteristics, dogs demonstrate dominance or submission to other members of the group, which in turn defuses violence, injury or death of pack members.

When a dog shows submissive behaviour the dominant dog's aggression is 'turned off' thus sparing a fight and promoting cooperation and sociability within the pack.

However, a submissive dog will show aggressive characteristics if it is seriously threatened or protecting a valuable resource.

a. Name four social groupings wild dogs may live in:

b. What is the benefit of having a social structure to the group of dogs?

c. How can dogs avoid fighting?

d. Name something that will make a submissive dog show aggression:

9. Which one of the following is an example of an amphibian? Select the correct response:

Bird

Snake

Frog

Lizard

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10. Which one of the following is an example of a piscine? Select the correct response:

Sheep

Fish

Horse

Goat

11. Sort this list of animals into their species. Write the name under the correct headings in the table below:

Beagle	Clydesdale	Dwarf	Thoroughbred
Maltese Terrier	Labrador	Angora	Lop Eared
Persian	Ragdoll	Bengal	Jack Russell Terrier
Kelpie	Welsh Mountain	Siamese	Birman
Poodle	Shetland	Appaloosa	
Belgian Giant	Arab	Moggie	

Dog	Cat	Horse	Rabbit

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12. Match the following photos with the list of animals:

- Pomeranian
- Chinchilla
- Manx
- Dachshund
- Golden Retriever
- Schnauzer
- Oriental



a.



b.



c.



d.



e.



f.



g.

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13. What does DSH stand for? Select the correct response:

Domestic
long hair

Domestic
short hair

Domestic
slippery hair

Domestic
sharp hair

14. What measurements do these symbols represent?

(L)

(kg)

(g)

(ml)

(mg)

15. Read the following text and answer the questions at the end of the 'Daily Schedule' shown on the following pages:

Having an organised workplace makes it easy to locate items when you need them, saving time and frustration. Sometimes it can be challenging to complete all of your daily work tasks, so daily task schedules are used in most Animal Care facilities, such as kennels, catteries, veterinary clinics, animal shelters and pet stores. The schedules are used to ensure that all tasks are completed each day, that accurate records are kept and that good hygiene practices are maintained. It is a tool to help plan your day and to ensure you complete your daily tasks.

Another key reason for using work schedules is so that a work team has a record of when a task was completed and who was responsible for completing the task. This makes it much easier where there is a change of shift, or a rotating roster, to ensure that all animals' needs are attended to.

In the example below, at the "Caring Animal Shelter" Emily Scott works the morning shift and Kevin Chan does the afternoon shift.

Their supervisor, Dora Seuss, is responsible for managing staff, including conducting scheduled meetings.

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CATTERY DUTIES FOR STAFF DAILY TASK LIST

Morning Meeting: Compulsory 8:00am SHARP

Name: **Emily Scott**

Supervisor: **Dora Suess**

DAILY TASKS (DORA SEUSS TO ALLOCATE)	INITIALS
Supervision of work experience/volunteers for the day	
Cat and kitten processing	
Update Computer with details	

MORNING DUTIES | 8:00 AM TO 12 NOON

TIME	TASK	INITIALS
8.00 - 9.00am	Allocate phone	
	Move cats out of quarantine - clinic, adoption and NSS	
	Morning treatments	
	Health check of adoption cats	
9.00 - 10.00am	Move kittens down from clinic	
	Feed/clean cat holding	
	Move cats to quarantine from holding	
	Put up sales check signs and assist vets with sales checks	
10.00 - 11.00 am	Cleaning - quarantine: Kittens	
	Cats	
	Dishes	
	Floors	
	Rubbish	
11.00 - 12.00noon	Cleaning - adoption: Kittens	
	Shed	
	Cat area 2	
	Rabbits	
	Dishes	

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CATTERY DUTIES FOR STAFF DAILY TASK LIST

Afternoon Meeting: Compulsory 12 noon SHARP
 Name: **Kevin Chan**
 Supervisor: **Dora Suess**

AFTERNOON DUTIES | 12 NOON TO 5:00PM

TIME	TASK	INITIALS
	Lunch break: 12:30pm, 1:00pm and 1:30pm Afternoon break 2:00pm -2:15pm	
12.00 - 3.00 pm	Clean dirty cages: Holding	
	Quarantine	
	Set up cages: Holding	
	Quarantine	
	Move cats to quarantine from holding	
	Midday kitten feeds	
	Socialising for quarantine cats	
	Restock supplies- food, litter, blankets	
	Check blankets in adoption and replace if dirty	
	Collect greens for rabbits	
	Afternoon re feeds: Adoption	
	Kitten quarantine	
	Cat quarantine	
	Cat holding	
Rabbits		
3:00 - 4.00pm	Clean kitchens and take rubbish to dumpster: Adoption	
	Quarantine	
4.00pm	Afternoon treatments	
4.30pm	Lock-up adoption pens	
5.00pm	Lock-up quarantine pens	

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Questions:

- a. What time is the morning meeting that Emily is required to attend?
- b. In which area of the "Caring Animal Shelter" do Emily and Kevin work?
- c. What are the hours in which the morning duties are to be completed by Emily?
- d. What are the three daily tasks?
- e. What could Emily or Kevin do if they were unsure of a task?
- f. What are the five tasks listed when cleaning out the quarantine area in the morning?
- g. What time do the afternoon duties start?
- h. List the times that Kevin may be required to take his lunch break:
- i. What task does Kevin perform after the midday kitten feeds?
- j. What are the last three tasks Kevin does and at what times does he perform them?

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Section 2: Numeracy

1. Convert the following units of measurements:

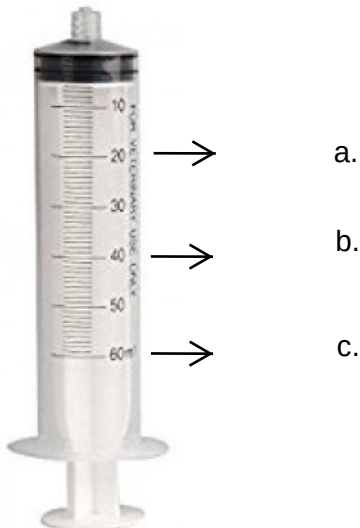
a. 772g	kg
b. Half a litre	ml
c. 250ml	L

2. How much do these animals weigh?

Match the following weights to the animals listed below.

5 kg	3 g	3 kg	17 kg	272 kg	800 g	450 kg
Animal	Weight					
Leafy stick insect						
Kelpie						
Jersey cow						
Rag doll cat						
Shetland pony						
8 week old kitten						
Italian Greyhound dog						

3. You are required to draw up 40ml of water into a syringe. Using the picture of a syringe, select the option which marks where you would draw the water up to (Note: the picture shows a syringe with measurements in millilitres)



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4. You have been asked to mix up a cleaning solution for use in washing out the cat cages. The solution requires 1100 ml of water to be mixed with 300 ml of cleaning solution. What will the total volume of the cleaning solution be?

5. Suzanne runs a mobile grooming business. A client pays for a hydrobath given to his dog. The hydrobath costs \$12.50 and the owner gives Suzanne \$20. How much change should Suzanne give the owner?

6. Kaiden works at a cattery where he is asked to weigh a cat in a pet carrier. The cat and carrier together weigh 4.7 kg. The carrier on its own weighs 2.5 kg. How much does the cat weigh?

7. Angela has been given the task to restock the storeroom shelves and needs to have enough food to feed the cats in her area for three days. She has 28 cats in her care and each cat eats half a can of food a day.
 - a. How many cans would Angela need to have in stock?

 - b. If each can cost \$1.44 how much money would Angela need to purchase all enough cans of food?

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ANSWERS

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1.

Amphibian
Breed
Dachshund
Doberman
Hygiene
Invertebrate
Mammal
Microchip
Nutrition
Rodent
Species

2. Cockatoo

3. Part, responsibility, training, In, information, aids, Supervisors, representatives, employee, procedures

4. Ask for help from a senior person.

5. The floor is wet and you may slip over.

6. Healthy, Communication, Infection, Treat, Environment, Service

7.

Porcine	Pig
Bovine	Cow
Equine	Horse
Lapine	Rabbit
Canine	Dog
Avian	Bird
Feline	Cat

8. a. Pairs, family groups, non-breeding groups, lone wolves.

b. Conflicts within the group are minimised by the existence of a social structure.

c. A dog shows submissive behaviour.

d. If it is seriously threatened or protecting a valuable resource.

9. Frog

10. Fish

11.

Dog	Cat	Horse	Rabbit
Beagle	Birman	Clydesdale	Dwarf
Maltese Terrier	Persian	Shetland	Angora
Labrador	Ragdoll	Arab	Lop Eared
Kelpie	Bengal	Thoroughbred	Belgian Giant
Poodle	Moggie	Welsh Mountain	
Jack Russell Terrier	Siamese	Appaloosa	

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12. a. Oriental
b. Manx
c. Dachshund
d. Chinchilla
e. Pomeranian
f. Schnauzer
g. Golden Retriever

13. Domestic Short Hair

14.

(L)	Litre
(kg)	Kilogram
(g)	Gram
(ml)	Millilitre
(mg)	Milligram

15.

- a. 8:00am sharp
b. The Cattery
c. 8:00 am –12:00 noon
d. Supervision of work experience/volunteers for the day, Cat and kitten processing and update computer with details.
e. Ask their supervisor or co worker for help.
f. Kittens, Cats, Dishes, Floors, Rubbish
g. 12:00 noon
h. 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm and 1:30 pm
i. Socialising for quarantine cats.
j. Afternoon treatments (4:00 pm), Lock up adoption pens (4:30 pm) and Lock up quarantine pens (5:00 pm)

Section 2: Numeracy

1. a. 0.772 kg b. 500 ml c. 0.25 L

2.

Leafy stick insect	3g
Kelpie	17kg
Jersey cow	450kg
Rag doll cat	3kg
Shetland pony	272kg
8 week old kitten	800g
Italian greyhound dog	5kg

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3.



← b.

4. 1400ml

5. \$7.50

6. 2.2kg

7. a. 42 b. \$60.48