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EXPERIENCE

Aston Clinton kennels, Aston Clinton — *Dog kennels trainee*

July 2022, 2 week block placement for work experience

At this job, I learnt how to clean kennels, catteries and tortoise, rabbit and guinea pig enclosures. Here, I walked dogs three times a day, washed their bedding and provided enrichment in the garden. I learnt about different behaviours in dog subspecies and what they mean, along with their body language. In the catteries there were also ferrets and other small animals, so I had a small insight into their needs to.

Tiggywinkles, Aylesbury — *Animal maintenance*

July 2023, 1 week block placement for work experience

My time at tiggywinkles was short, however it was my first hands on animal job that wasn't purely based on dogs or cats. I worked here for a week when I was 16 and got to go behind the scenes of this animal rescue centre. I mainly handled the hedgehogs as that was the main job of the morning, to clean out all of their little enclosures and provide fresh water. It was also my job here to wash blankets and other materials used for animal bedding. At tiggywinkles I was able to watch workers do their jobs with foxes, pigeons, owls and small mammals. This is most likely where my desire to work with a company that saves animals came from. I experienced members of the public coming in with injured animals as I did get to tour the vet side of things and explore how they function.

Wrigglies, Dunstable — *animal husbandry trainee/ assistant*

September 2023 - April 2024, 150 hour placement every friday

At Wrigglies I have learnt how to correctly handle, feed and take care of several reptiles and amphibians. I work 9:30 to 1:30, spot cleaning all animals and providing fresh water. Once this is done, we do a bug feed, a salad feed, often a fish feed and a snake feed. This taught me how each animal behaves differently and what tools are necessary when handling snakes, I learnt how to use snake hooks and feeding tongs. I have partially overcome my fear of small insects as I have to use my hands to pick up live crickets and locusts during bug feeds. I was also taught how to make geko paste. I have learnt how to handle my fears when it comes to bigger snakes as I have worked with a 2 meter python. I also work with big tortoises, doing a full clean of their enclosure every time I work. So far this job has expanded my knowledge on animal care and feeding practices for these types of animals.

Ark farm, Bedfordshire — *Student*

September 2023- August 2024

At Ark farm we would create enrichment toys and build shelters for animals. This role focussed on the health and welfare of animals, so we would health check the animals each week on a rotation. I learnt how to appropriately handle ducks, various reptiles and smaller mammals. This job was always working outside, no matter what the weather condition was, so I am used to outdoor labour during colder months. I was taught in depth about cleanliness standards and how to respond to situations appropriately, by the books.

National trust, Ashridge estate — *food and beverage team*

March 2024 - April 2025

With this job, I worked a lot with customers and have since partially overcome my fear of public speaking. Here I learnt how to manage money within a workplace, how to make different types of tea and coffee and how to

SKILLS

Listening
Collaboration
Communication
Time management
Customer service
Problem solving
Adaptability
Work ethic
Self-Confidence
Independence
Punctuality
Organisation

AWARDS

Certificate of completion, GVI sea turtle conservation in Costa Rica 2025

LANGUAGES

English

maintain a clean, safe environment. My cooking skills have also developed as around the kitchen, we have different roles per shift. This also increased my confidence as I had to do things I hadn't before with little to no practice and was able to pick it up quickly. I have learnt how to deal with customer complaints at a professional standard and have sorted minor issues in the past.

Rushmere County Park, Rushmere — *Nature conservation volunteer*

November 2024 - January 2025, once a week with my college course

At Rushmere County Park, my college and I worked with existing volunteers to ensure the site remained a healthy and non-invasive area. The first couple of weeks we were identifying an endangered plant species called heather, and learnt about why an ecosystem needs it and what plants around it stunt their growth. This led us to our first job of removing pine, birch and other plant/ tree species from the area where heather was growing. Once this project was complete, we had to move the birch trees we had removed to an area where they could grow non-invasively. This is the other task that we carried out for the last couple of weeks. We moved the trees from site A to site B then planted them with guards and other assists to promote their growth.

Whipsnade Zoo ZSL, Whipsnade — *Parked birds trainee*

22nd April - 9th May 2025, block placement work experience Monday - Friday

Whipsnade zoo completely opened me out of my shell. I got used to speaking and asking questions to those I had never met before. At whipsnade, I carried out a handful of jobs everyday that I had never experienced before. There were three sections on the job and I worked a decent amount on each. Tasks ranged from feeding animals to holding them while vets drew blood or carried out health checks. This experience really made my independence and knowledge grow because as well as working as a team, once I got the hang of things, I was trusted alone with the animals. During my time here, I learnt how to supplement penguin food, weigh baby penguins, health check flamingos, full clean aviaries, create a flamingo nest site and much more. I really enjoyed my placement here as I was working alongside a team with a passion for saving animals which is exactly where I want to be.

Whipsnade Park Golf Club, Whipsnade — *Bar staff*

April 2025 - Present

This job has been the first job where I have completely worked alone after being fully trained. Throughout the summer on busy days up to four people would be on shift however in the winter it is one person for the day. At this job I have learnt further how to handle customer complaints, how to cash up, handle money and be self dependent. I love spending time with the customers here. Working at the golf club has shown me how to use initiative and trust my own decisions when a person of authority is absent.

Whipsnade Park Golf Club, Whipsnade — *Pro shop cover*

April 2025 - Present

When our golf pro goes on holiday or falls sick I successfully cover him in the shop. This job needs a high level of organisation, especially on busy days. This job role has the responsibility for checking in golfers, bringing out golf buggies and taking green fees. I had a couple hours training and then was passed as ready to do the job alone.

Pet sitting, Rover.com — *Animal sitter*

September 2025 - October 2025

I registered for pet sitting on rover as soon as I was old enough to do so (18). It is a lovely way to spend my time and earn money while outside of work. Doing this job has confirmed that it is the career path I would like to pursue. I love to explore all the different personalities in animals and I am proud that pet owners feel comfortable with me caring for their animals and their house while they are away. I do small and large jobs, my biggest being two weeks at a home with two dogs, two cats and chickens while the family was on holiday. I have such a passion for entertaining animals and spending my time ensuring they feel safe and have everything they need.

EDUCATION

The Cottesloe school, Wing — 7 GCSES

September 2018 - September 2023

My achieved GCSE grades: Level 2 distinction in health and social care, a 5/5 for combined science, a 5 in maths, a 6 in ethics and philosophy, a 6 in english language, a 5 in english literature and a 6 in geography.

The bedfordshire college, Dunstable campus — *LV3 animal management*

September 2023 - August 2025

Year 1 passed with a total of 118 points

Graduated year 2 with an overall distinction*, distinction*, distinction grade.