This Traineeship is for students who are interested in working with a range of companion animals as an animal attendant or carer in the following settings:
- Catteries and kennels
- Pounds and welfare centres
- Zoological and fauna parks and wildlife refuges
- Pet shops

Trainees will acquire the skills and knowledge to:
- feed and handle animals
- maintain animal housing and equipment and perform routine daily care duties
- assist in maintaining safety in an animal holding facility
- prepare a first aid kit for the treatment of animals
- fulfil responsibilities for the welfare of sick or injured animals
- perform basic grooming procedures
- use standard record systems and apply stock control procedures

**Outcome**
- Qualification in Animal Studies - Certificate II.
- Pathway into a Traineeship for Companion Animal Services at Certificate III.
- A career path into the Animal Care and Management industry.

**Course delivery**
Both on the job and off the job and can be delivered face-to-face, flexibly or mixed mode.

**Commitment + Off the Job Delivery**
You will be required to undertake a minimum of 100 days in paid employment over the period of the School-Based Traineeship. Work can be undertaken during school time, after school and during school holidays.

**How will students be assessed?**
Both on the job and off the job through written tests, project work & practical exercises.

**Unit value**
Total of 4 units over two years towards your HSC

**Eligible for UAI?**
No

For further information about how to sign up to this School-Based Traineeship please speak with your Careers Advisor or visit our internet site at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/vetinschools

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