



# Academy of Animal, Equine and Veterinary Nursing



**INDUSTRY FOCUSED  
CAREER READY**

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**If you aspire to have a career working with animals, you will more than likely enjoy a course or apprenticeship in our Academy of Animal, Equine and Veterinary Nursing. We offer a variety of different courses across our academy so you can choose the one that's right for you.**

## **Courses we offer:**

- ✓ **Animal Management**
- ✓ **Equine**
- ✓ **Veterinary Nursing**

## **Why choose Reaseheath?**

Our industry-focused courses, fantastic facilities and outstanding staff are just a few of the reasons our students love studying with us and go on to achieve great things in their careers. Not only will you gain an in-depth understanding of your chosen course area, but you will also make lots of new friends, and enjoy your free time by joining any of our societies, clubs and social events happening regularly across campus.

**Each Level 3 course is equivalent to A Levels and provides you with UCAS points for progression onto either our degree programmes at University Centre Reaseheath or at other universities.**

Our students love studying courses in Animal Management, Equine and Veterinary Nursing at Reaseheath College because:

- ✓ **We have specialist facilities right here on campus including an on-site mini zoo, an equestrian centre and veterinary nursing laboratories**
- ✓ **We have great industry links and highly experienced teaching staff, so you will be learning from the best**
- ✓ **You will have lots of opportunities to gain extra experience within your chosen subject area to make you and your CV stand out**

## **Which level of course is right for me?**

We offer a number of different courses at Reaseheath College including T Levels and apprenticeships in some subject areas, Technical Baccalaureates, Advanced Technical Extended Diplomas, Diplomas and Certificates. You can choose the one that's right for you, depending on your previous experience and qualifications.

# Study Animal Management at Reaseheath College

## Did you know?

In 2022, there were  
over 6,000 Animal Care  
Services jobs in the  
North West\*

If you would like to work in a role where you can make a difference to the health and wellbeing of animals, studying Animal Management at Reaseheath College is for you.

You'll be based in our fantastic animal centre with licensed teaching zoo and laboratories and have the chance to work with around 200 species including tapir, meerkats, lemurs, otters, birds of prey, reptiles, fish, amphibians and a range of companion and park animals.

Alongside your studies, you will have lots of opportunities for research, work experience, and visits to some of the country's leading zoos, while gaining industry insight from inspirational speakers and former students to help you get ahead in your future career.

# Your career paths

## Animal Management courses we offer:

- ✓ Level 2 Certificate in Animal Care
- ✓ T Level in Animal Management and Behaviour
- ✓ T Level in Animal Management and Science

## Animal Management apprenticeships we offer:

- ✓ Level 2 Animal Care and Welfare Apprenticeship

## Progress onto a degree at University Centre Reaseheath

Many of our students enjoy their course with us so much that once they have finished, they progress onto degree level study at University Centre Reaseheath to gain extra skills and experience for their future career. With degrees in Animal Behaviour and Welfare, Wildlife Conservation and Ecology, Canine Behaviour, Zoo Management and Applied Zoology, there is plenty of choice at UCR.

Find out more at:  
[ucreaseheath.ac.uk/animal-science](http://ucreaseheath.ac.uk/animal-science)

## Career options

Our Animal Management students often go on to work for an animal charity, zoo, veterinary practice or for one of the numerous animal-related businesses in this country or abroad. With the correct qualifications, you could also set up and run your own business.

The T Level in Animal Management and Behaviour is a great choice if you are particularly interested in conservation and research, and wish to progress into careers such as:

- ✓ Animal Conservationist
- ✓ Animal Behaviourist

The T Level in Animal Management and Science is a great choice if you are interested in the veterinary and animal sciences industries, and would like to progress into careers such as:

- ✓ Animal Nutritionist
- ✓ Animal Physiotherapist
- ✓ Zoologist

Experienced zoologists  
earn an average of  
**£48,000 a year\***

\*Source: National Careers Service



# Student success

## Matt Cruxton

### Qualifications:

Level 2 Diploma in Animal Care 2016

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Animal Management plus GCSE Maths 2018

Foundation Degree Animal Behaviour and Welfare 2020

BSc (Hons) in Zoo Management 2021 (First Class)

### Job title:

Small Carnivores and Mammal Keeper  
Hemsley Conservation Centre  
Kent



“The experiences I had during six years at Reaseheath have shaped my future. After my Level 2 Diploma I went to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands on an amazing student trip. After my Level 3 Diploma I went to Namibia, where we cared for cheetahs, leopards and lions in a sanctuary and carried out field work such as tracking and surveying.

“During my foundation degree I volunteered at Reaseheath’s zoo and became a part-time keeper. It was a fantastic opportunity for hands-on experience with a BIAZA collection and cemented my decision to become a zoo keeper.

“The whole package helped me stand out, and I now have a great job caring for endangered and unusual species such as maned wolves, tayras and an aardwolf.”

Find out more about studying  
Animal Management at Reaseheath College  
[reaseheath.ac.uk/animal-management](https://reaseheath.ac.uk/animal-management)

# Study Equine at Reaseheath College

**If you're passionate about horses and want to learn all aspects of the modern-day horse industry, studying Equine would be a great choice for you.**

You'll be based at our highly commended BHS approved Training and Assessment Centre and be taught by expert staff, many of whom have elite international experience.

## **Did you know?**

We have great industry links and our equine courses are endorsed by industry professionals through our industry mentor scheme

Alongside your studies, you will also learn from world-renowned industry professionals through lectures and demonstrations and train for extra qualifications such as British Horse Society exams, while also completing work placements and study tours, and even become part of our arena party to support world-class events such as the Horse of the Year Show and the British Dressage National Championships.

# Your career paths

## Equine courses we offer:

- ✓ Level 2 Technical Certificate in Horse Care\*
- ✓ Level 3 Advanced Technical Certificate, Diploma or Technical Baccalaureate in Equine Management\*
- ✓ T Level in Equine Management (Available from 2025)

\*Also available at Croft End, out outreach centre based in Lancashire

## Equine apprenticeships we offer:

- ✓ Level 2 Equine Groom apprenticeship

## Progress onto a degree at University Centre Reaseheath

After completing your Level 3 course or T Level, you may decide to expand your knowledge even further and go on to degree level study. Many of our students study one of the equine degrees offered at University Centre Reaseheath, in either Bioveterinary Science, Sports Performance, or Training and Rehabilitation, all of which are research led and help undergraduates gain even more skills for a successful career in the industry.

Find out more at :  
[ucreaseheath.ac.uk/equine-science](http://ucreaseheath.ac.uk/equine-science)

## Career options

Careers in the equine industry are varied and rewarding. You could choose to work hands-on with horses as a competition groom or coach or go down the science and research route perhaps working as a bloodstock agent or veterinary nurse!

Some of the careers our students have gone on to include:

- ✓ Elite competition grooming
- ✓ Professional rider
- ✓ Yard management
- ✓ Equine nutritionist or physiotherapist
- ✓ Equine coach or lecturer
- ✓ Equine product designer and manufacturer

Experienced equine nutritionists can earn between £35,000 and £50,000\*

\*[prospects.ac.uk](http://prospects.ac.uk)



# Student success

## Jack and Harry Moore

### Qualifications:

Level 3 Diploma in Horse Management  
(2016 Jack) (2018 Harry)

BSc Equine Science and Sports  
Performance (2018 Jack) (2020 Harry)

Masters in Sports Performance Coaching  
(Stirling University — 2019 Jack)

### Job titles:

Show horse producer (Jack)

Sales Executive for  
Equestrian Surfaces Ltd (Harry)

“We’ve had many successes in the showing including at HOYS and the Royal International Horse Show with ridden and working hunters, show hacks and cobs.

“Taking over the family showing business was a big achievement for us, and our Reaseheath education, both at diploma and degree level, helped us to succeed. We suggest anyone who wants to progress within the equestrian industry should follow this path. Science based understanding of subjects such as anatomy and nutrition is essential.”



Find out more about studying Equine at Reaseheath College  
[reaseheath.ac.uk/equine](https://reaseheath.ac.uk/equine)

# Study Veterinary Nursing at Reaseheath College

## Did you know?

The 'Suitably Qualified  
Persons' qualification  
is embedded into our  
Level 3 Veterinary  
Nursing Diploma

**If you love animals and are passionate about improving their health and welfare, studying Veterinary Nursing at Reaseheath College could be the perfect choice for you.**

You will study in our specialist clinical skills suite, diagnostic imaging suite and modern laboratories, and gain practical experience using our industry-standard anaesthetic, radiography and theatre equipment, as well as ultrasound imaging, endoscopy and prep facilities.

Alongside your course, you will work at a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons approved practice which will support you through your training. Here you will have a dedicated clinical supervisor, and you will also be visited regularly by our own veterinary nursing training practice liaison assessor and skills coach, to ensure you are gaining all the vital clinical skills you need for a successful career in the industry.

# Your career paths

## Veterinary Nursing courses we offer:

- ✓ VetSkill Level 2 Certificate in Veterinary Care Support
- ✓ VetSkill Level 2 Certificate for Veterinary Receptionists
- ✓ VetSkill Level 3 Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (companion animal)
- ✓ Level 3 Access to Higher Education (Veterinary Science Route)

## Career options

If you want to work in a veterinary nursing role, there are a number of possibilities open to you. You could join a practice which delivers routine or emergency healthcare, a referral practice specialising in orthopaedics, oncology or ophthalmology or even work at the forefront of animal science, clinical procedures and genetics.

Here are just some of the job roles you could progress on to:

- ✓ Veterinary nurse
- ✓ Nursing assistant
- ✓ Animal behaviourist
- ✓ Animal rehabilitator
- ✓ Veterinary receptionist
- ✓ Teacher
- ✓ Clinical supervisor
- ✓ Practice manager



Experienced  
veterinary nurses  
earn an average  
of £26,000 a year\*

\*Source: National Careers Service



# Student success

## Chloe Westlake-Guy

### Qualifications:

Level 2 Diploma Veterinary  
Care Assistants 2019

Level 3 Veterinary Nurse  
Apprenticeship 2022

### Job title:

Registered Veterinary Nurse



"My ambition has always been to work with animals and I'm proud that I'm now a fully qualified veterinary nurse.

"I started my training as a Veterinary Care Assistant straight from school. This gave me a great insight into the industry and prepared me for my Veterinary Nurse Apprenticeship. During this course I attended college one day a week and spent the rest of the week working for Vets4Pets.

"I chose this pathway because I enjoy the caring aspect while also being involved in the medical side and assisting during surgery. I'm particularly interested in anaesthesia and phlebotomy, and I may specialise in the future.

"I now work for Sanderson Vets on the Wirral, which is a small animal and referrals practice, so I'm constantly gaining more experience.

"I thoroughly enjoyed studying at Reaseheath. The college has a brilliant Veterinary Nursing department and my courses enabled me to learn theory alongside practical experience. The teaching team were really supportive and it felt amazing when I passed my final OSCE exams!"

Find out more about studying  
Veterinary Nursing at Reaseheath College  
[reaseheath.ac.uk/veterinary-nursing](https://reaseheath.ac.uk/veterinary-nursing)

# T Levels at Reaseheath College

**T Levels are exciting new technical qualifications, equivalent to three A Levels, which give you the knowledge and hands-on experience needed to become career ready in your subject area.**

Not only have these industry focused qualifications been designed with employers, but they also include 315 hours of industry placement over the two years, to give you an invaluable introduction to the workplace in preparation for your future career.

Throughout your T Level you will also learn from our highly experienced tutors, use the state-of-the-art facilities we have on campus, and receive all the help you need from our specialist support staff.

**T-LEVELS**  
**THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION**

\*For more details please visit our website.

**For more information about studying a T Level at Reaseheath College, and to see what other T Levels we offer, visit our website at:**  
**[reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/t-levels](https://reaseheath.ac.uk/further-education/t-levels)**

## Who can study a T Level?

T Levels can be studied by anyone aged 16 — 19\* or up to the age of 24 for students who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

## Which T Levels are offered at Reaseheath College?

In Reaseheath's Academy of Animal, Equine and Veterinary Nursing, we offer the following T Levels:

- ✓ **Animal Management and Behaviour**
- ✓ **Animal Management and Science**
- ✓ **Equine Care and Management (from 2025)**

## T Level Transition Programme

If you don't quite get the grades needed for a T Level, don't worry. A one-year T Level Transition Programme may be available, which will develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours needed to progress onto a T Level.

**Whichever course in the  
Academy of Animal, Equine  
and Veterinary Nursing  
you choose at Reaseheath  
College, you will benefit  
from our amazing facilities,  
advanced technologies  
and strong industry  
expertise, ensuring you  
are ready for a great career.**

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