

Unit title:	Canine Nutrition
Level:	3
Credit value:	3
GLH:	42
TQT:	60
Unit code:	SP2/3/NQ/004
Unit reference number:	T/615/0099
Unit aim:	To provide learners with sufficient knowledge of canine nutrition to be able to provide a balanced diet for a range of breeds and sizes of dogs

This unit has 4 learning outcomes.

Learning Outcomes	Assessment Criteria
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand the anatomy and physiology of the canine digestive system.	1.1. Describe the anatomy and physiology of the canine digestive system. 1.2. Explain the breakdown and absorption of nutrients.
2. Understand the sources and functions of major nutrients in the diet of domesticated dogs.	2.1. Describe the sources of major nutrients in the diet of domesticated dogs. 2.2. Explain the functions of major nutrients in the diet of domesticated dogs. 2.3. Summarise the dog's requirements of major nutrients 2.4. Explain how nutritional requirements may vary throughout a dog's life.
3. Be able to design appropriate feeding regimes for a dogs.	3.1. Evaluate different types of feeding regimes for dogs. 3.2. Explain practical feeding plans for dogs throughout their life.

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The learner will:	The learner can:
4. Understand the effects of diet on the health and behaviour of dogs.	4.1. Explain how to manage dogs' diets to maximise health. 4.2. Explain the common causes of food allergies and intolerances in dogs. 4.3. Explain how to manage common food allergies and intolerances in dogs. 4.4. Evaluate the extent to which diet can affect dogs' behaviour.

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Assessment information

All Assessment Criteria must be evidenced. For guidance on assessment, including principles of assessment and methods which may be used, Centres should consult the Open College Network West Midlands publication *Assessment Methods* and the 'Assessment' section of the *Open College Network West Midlands Centre Handbook*, both available on our website www.opencollnet.org.uk .

Sector Subject Area (SSA)	3.3
Date from which unit will be available for learners	01/07/2016
Assessment guidance	Major nutrients must include protein, carbohydrate, fat, vitamins, minerals and water