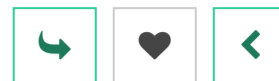


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# Animal breeder



Animal breeders choose and breed animals based on things like their physical traits and their offspring.



## What you'll do

Your day-to-day work includes tasks like:

- bathing and grooming animals
- arranging for the sale of animals and eggs to hospitals, research centres, pet shops, and food processing plants
- selecting animals to breed
- examining animals to detect symptoms of illness or injury
- treating minor injuries and ailments and contacting vets to treat animals with serious illnesses or injuries
- feeding and watering animals
- cleaning and disinfecting pens, cages, gardens, and hutches
- exercising animals to keep them in healthy condition
- clipping or shearing animal hair

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

## Working hours and environment

You could work a regular schedule or more flexibly, which may involve visiting clients during evenings or weekends. If the latter, you'll be visiting new places often, so you'll need to plan ahead and be punctual.

You could be based in a lab, on a farm or zoo, or in various locations like yours and your clients' homes. You'll be meeting new people regularly and having lots of face-to-face conversations.

The work can be physically challenging: you'll be on your feet and may often be in uncomfortable positions depending on the animals you are working with.

## Career path and progression

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Often, self-employed animal breeders will start their own businesses or will look to be employed by other companies. People employed within companies can look to gain managerial positions or to specialise in certain fields. Some animal breeders go on to become show judges, assist with national breeding organisations or become lobbyists and campaigners.

## Skills required

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You'll need to be:

- good at paying attention to detail, to help you select the best animals to breed
- a strong communicator, so you can work with a range of clients
- a good speaker in order to communicate the details of animals' conditions
- interested in animals and regularly building up your knowledge in this area
- skilled in animal care, from grooming to exercising
- good at taking initiative, as you'll likely be responsible for your own schedule and outcomes

Got evidence of these skills? Record your examples on the [Skills tool](#) >

## Entry requirements

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Usually you don't need any academic qualifications to get into animal breeding. You'll need to build your knowledge and experience independently instead.

You could take a MOOC in animal breeding to help you figure out if it's the right career for you. Or you could study a related subject at degree level — like zoology or agriculture — to get more familiar with topics like genetics or animal care.

Before you start working, you'll likely need a breeding licence from your local council or state.

## Related university subject profiles

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These university subjects are related to this career; check out their profiles on the Subjects library:

- [Agriculture](#) >
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## Related career profiles

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Current and predicted figures relating to the Animal breeder profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

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## Jobs

Animal care and control services

# 80,659

 318 in your local area of Liverpool

### Top 5 local areas

1	Hampshire	2,906
2	Essex	2,505
3	Kent	2,448
4	Suffolk	2,378
5	Surrey	2,320

## Salaries

Animal care services occupations n.e.c.

# £21,933

Animal care and control services

# £22,734

 (Not enough data for this region) in your region of North West

### Top 3 regions

1	East of England	£25,421
2	South East	£22,933

## Growth

2020-2035

Caring personal service occupations

**+13.9%** ↑ 328,648 jobs

📍 +17.7% in your region of North West, an increase of 52,031 jobs

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