



Courses for Animal Biology Care & Ethics

Unit 1

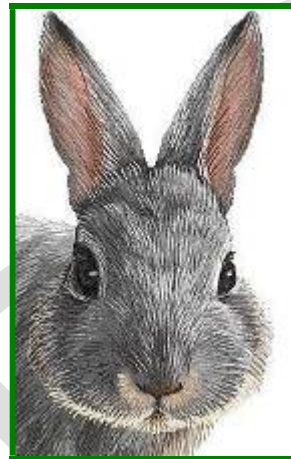
# Animal Care - Handling Animals

Starter Course Level E2/E3

### Learning outcome

At the end of this part of the course, you will be able to:

1.0 Know basic handling techniques for a variety of companion animals



Assessment criterion

1.1 Identify and describe basic handling techniques for a range of companion animals

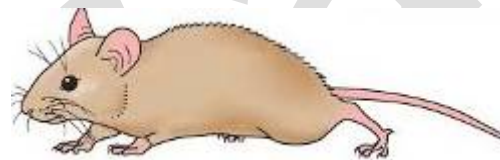
## Handling Animals

Animals are living things, just like you.

When you handle and hold an animal, ask yourself:

“Would I like to be handled and held like this?”

Think about this: picking up a rat or mouse by their tail, could be like you being picked up by one leg!



Not nice.

What about picking up a rabbit.



Is it correct to pick up a rabbit by his ears?

The question you should ask yourself is ?








Would *I* like to be picked up by *my* ears?

Answer.....

Why must we take care when handling an animal?

Answers:

-  Animals get frightened easily
-  Some animals get hurt easily
-  Animals may not understand what is happening
-  Small animals have small bones that could break
-  Some parts of their body are very delicate and sensitive

☛ The tail

☛ The neck

☛ The back

☛ The throat

☛ The stomach

☛ The ears

**Can you think of any other parts of the body that are very delicate and sensitive?**

**Look at the next picture.**

Parts of the body which are very delicate for a rabbit

**The tail is labelled. Draw an arrow from the other parts of the body to point to the very delicate parts of a rabbit**

The Ears

The Eyes

The Nose



The Back

The Tail

Now let us think about picking up a dog.

Well, picking up a dog needs a bit of thinking because a dog can be small, medium or large.

A Small Dog



A small dog:

One person can pick up  
a small dog

A Larger Dog



A larger dog:

Some help *may* be needed  
to pick up a bigger dog

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