

LIVE LEARNING & VIRTUAL VISITS

Bringing Animal Care to life

A year of virtual visits, expert sessions and special guests - carefully chosen to connect real-world animal care with the ASDAN challenges learners are completing.

16live learning
experiences**7**course modules
supported**100%**optional &
low pressure**11+**flexible learner
approach**MORE THAN GUEST TALKS**

Learners can explore a topic in the course, meet an expert or organisation, then use what they discover to support the linked ASDAN challenge.

Farm & welfare

Animal safety

Veterinary care

Wildlife rescue

Conservation

Ethics

Working animals

Careers

LIVEreal people
real organisations
real-world learning**Flexible by design**

All sessions are optional. Cameras and microphones are optional too. Recordings are shared where permission allows.

Important: Live sessions support the learning and evidence for a challenge; they do not replace the ASDAN challenge requirements themselves.

From farms to sharks, vets & wildlife

30 SEP 2026

11:10am

Farm

Virtual Farm Visit

Delivered by a working farm

ASDAN 1A4 - Visiting a farm or city farm

7 OCT 2026

11:00am

Welfare

Five Animal Welfare Needs

RSPCA

ASDAN 1A10 - Comparing the needs of different pets

14 OCT 2026

11:00am

Safety

Amazing Invertebrates

Reptiles Etc

ASDAN 2A5 - Animal-related dangers

21 OCT 2026

11:00am

Safety

Safe Behaviour Around Animals

Reptiles Etc

ASDAN 2A6 - Appropriate behaviour around an animal

5 NOV 2026

11:00am

Marine

Sharks

Macduff Marine Aquarium

ASDAN 2B4 - Sharks and safety around sea creatures

26 NOV 2026

11:00am

Vet

Step Inside the World of a Vet

Amy Woodhouse BVetMed MRCVS

ASDAN 3B6b - Examining dogs / horses for signs of illness

14 JAN 2027

11:00am

Rescue

Wildlife Rescue

Secret World Wildlife Rescue

ASDAN 4A6 - Wildlife and strays

9 FEB 2027

11:00am

Conservation

Conservation

Longleat

ASDAN 4A8 - Helping to protect endangered species

24 FEB 2027

11:00am

Welfare & law

Animals Left in Hot Cars

RSPCA

ASDAN 6A4 - Animals left in vehicles

JOINED-UP LEARNING**Learn it. Experience it. Use it.**

The live programme follows the same themes as the course, helping learners use genuine examples and expert knowledge in their ASDAN work.

Ethics, working animals & career journeys

4 MAR 2027

2:30pm

Ethics

Philosophy & Ethics at the Zoo

Dudley Zoo

ASDAN 6A8 - Animals Rule!

10 MAR 2027

11:00am

Ethics

Animal Ethics

Animal Aid

ASDAN 6A8 - Animals Rule!

17 MAR 2027

11:00am

Working animals

Working Animals

Reptiles Etc

ASDAN 5A9 - Working animals

24 MAR 2027

11:00am

Assistance

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

ASDAN 5A9 - Working animals

20 APR 2027

11:00am

Careers

Careers

RSPCA

ASDAN 7A1 + 7A7 - Animal jobs and career pathways

5 MAY 2027

11:00am

Careers

Career Journeys

Grace Dickinson

ASDAN 7A1 + 7A2 + 7A7 - Jobs, fit and pathways

26 MAY 2027

11:00am

Special guest

Final Special Guest Session - Steve Leonard

Veterinary surgeon, wildlife presenter & conservationist

ASDAN 5A8 + 7A1 + 7A7 - Animals in the media, careers and pathways

PARENT/CARER DISCRETION ADVISED

The Dudley Zoo Philosophy & Ethics session and Animal Aid Animal Ethics session explore more complex questions around animal welfare, ethics and human choices. Some themes may be more suitable for older learners or may feel upsetting or challenging for some young people. Attendance is completely optional; parents/carers are encouraged to decide whether each session is appropriate for their learner.

WHY THE VISITS MATTER

Bringing the ASDAN challenges to life

The live sessions are not simply extras. Many have been deliberately chosen to sit alongside a specific challenge, giving learners real examples, expert knowledge and memorable experiences to draw on.



A FEW EXAMPLES

Virtual Farm Visit 1A4 Visiting a Farm or City Farm	Macduff - Sharks 2B4 Sharks & sea creature safety
Secret World Wildlife Rescue 4A6 Wildlife & strays	Longleat Conservation 4A8 Protecting endangered species
Hearing Dogs 5A9 Working animals	RSPCA - Hot Cars 6A4 Animals left in vehicles

FLEXIBLE, SUPPORTIVE & LOW PRESSURE

Join what interests you

Every live session is optional.

Keep learning at your own pace

The main course remains self-paced.

Camera-off is absolutely fine

Cameras and microphones can remain off.

Real experiences, flexible evidence

Learners still complete ASDAN evidence in a format that works for them.

Explore the full Animal Care course

60+ pre-recorded lessons, practical activities, personalised feedback, optional workbooks and a full year of live learning.

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