

This results in great discrepancies in the technical complexity of the knowledge that students are required to demonstrate between units within each level of the NVQ, and particularly between levels. The skills that need to be demonstrated to achieve the NVQ Level 3, which should roughly be equivalent to an 'A level', are greatly beyond what one might expect from such equivalent qualifications. The workbooks have addressed this problem as far as possible, and gone some way to meeting the still pressing demand for a single textbook which supports those studying for the increasingly popular NVQs in Animal Care.

Caring for Animals. Learning Support Book N/SVQ Level 2. Animal Care and Equine Training Organisation (1998). 86pp. Ring-bound. *Animal Care and Management. Learning Support Book N/SVQ Level 3.* Animal Care and Equine Training Organisation (1998). 88pp. Ring-bound. Both books published by and obtainable from: Animal Care and Equine Training Organisation Ltd, Second Floor, The Burgess Building, The Green, Stafford ST17 4BL, UK. Price £15.00 (members) and £20.00 (non-members).

Transport of pigs

The Scottish Agricultural College (SAC) has produced a useful information and training booklet for drivers involved in the transport of pigs. This is aimed at supporting the Scottish Pig Industry Initiative by providing up-to-date information on transport legislation. The booklet is a spin-off from a training package developed by the SAC and can be used on its own in the training, assessment and certification of competence of professional livestock drivers (as required under the *Welfare of Animals [Transport] Order 1997*).

The booklet starts with a brief outline of the salient aspects of pig behaviour and biology, then provides a series of single-page, information sheet-like layouts on a variety of topics including: loading and unloading, stocking densities, ventilation, hygiene, vehicle construction and maintenance, health and safety, driving times, driving skills, fitness to travel, paperwork, contingency plans, inspections, finance and exports. The booklet is attractively produced and easy to read. Key points are set out as bullet points and each section is illustrated (although with photogenic rather than informative pictures).

This is a valuable, concise, but comprehensive, booklet on the road transport of pigs. It is aimed at providing drivers with the information they need to meet the requirements of the *Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 1997*, but would be useful as part of introductory training for pig transporters anywhere. The SAC is planning similar publications on the transport of cattle and sheep.

Livestock Transport – Pigs: Handle with Care (1998). Scottish Agricultural College: Aberdeen. 24pp. Paperback. Obtainable from the publishers, Animal Biology Division, Craibstone Estate, Bucksburn, Aberdeen AB21 9YA. Price £12.00 (or £8.00 per copy for bulk orders).

Standards for dog breeding establishments (and guidance for licensing UK dog breeding establishments)

In 1996, a Working Group comprising representatives of the British Veterinary Association (BVA), the British Small Animal Veterinary Association, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the Local Government Association, was set up to substantially update guidance on the licensing of dog breeding establishments. The Group's report was published recently and provides a comprehensive and valuable set of guidelines.

The *Breeding of Dogs Acts* (1973 and 1991) are introduced and their key provisions are outlined in the introductory section of the booklet. Following this, there are sections on guidance relevant to domestic breeders and then, to non-domestic breeders; finally, other relevant legislation is briefly outlined. The guidance notes are well laid out with the requirements of the