This guide is intended to highlight only the main information sources for Further Education students – there may be other areas of the Library which are useful.

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The main types of materials are books, journals and media resources. Please do not hesitate to ask for help and advice as needed when using the library.

**Books**

Books are arranged under the Dewey class system (which runs from 000-999) each subject area has its own number for example, Animals 636

**Quick Classification Guide**

- Zoology 591
- Animal Behaviour 591.5
- Entomology (Insects) 595.7
- Wild Birds 598.2
- Mammals 599
- Animal Welfare 636.083
- Veterinary Science/Nursing 636.089
- Horses 636.1
- Cattle 636.2
- Sheep 636.3
- Pigs 636.4
- Poultry 636.5
- Birds 636.6
- Dogs 636.7
- Dog Grooming 636.70833
- Cats 636.8
- Companion Animals/Pets 636.9
- Small Animal Care/Management 636.9083
- Exotic Pets 636.9089
- Fish 639.34

**Dictionaries, directories etc**

- Encyclopedia of Animal Behaviour
- The Henston Small Animal Veterinary Vade Mecum

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• The Henston Companion Animal Vet Vade Mecum
• Merck Veterinary Manual
• Blacks Veterinary Dictionary
• The Dog Law Handbook

Journals/Magazines

Journals and magazine are arranged in alphabetical order by title. They contain specialised articles and are a good source of information on current research and practice. Some are indexed and/or have contents pages. This is not an exhaustive list and other library journals may be of use for your course as many cross over.

Key journals/magazines

• Animal Behaviour
• Animal Welfare
• Anthrozoos
• Cats Today
• Dogs Today
• In Practice
• Journal of Small Animal Practice
• Kennel and Cattery Management
• SCAS Journal (Society for Companion Animal Studies)
• Veterinary Business Journal
• Veterinary Management for Today
• Veterinary Nurse
• Veterinary Nursing Journal
• Veterinary Nursing Times
• Veterinary Record
• Veterinary Technician (online only)
• Veterinary Times

Electronic/Media Information

Computers are available for use at all times during library opening hours. All machines run Microsoft Office, Internet and many other applications.

The libraries online catalogue (OPAC) can be used to locate specific books and magazines that are relevant to your course. You can also find out here if items are available and where to find items on the shelves.

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Key DVDs/Videos

DVDs and Videos provide information on a wide range of topics. Some potentially useful ones include:

- Animal Behaviour:
  - Mechanisms of Imprinting
- Life in the Freezer
- Life in the Undergrowth
- Life on Earth
- Life of Birds
- Life of Mammals
- Killer Instinct: Lizards
- Killer Instinct: Snakes
- Mating
- Puppies: the first six weeks
- Spy in the… complete collection
- Trials of Life
- Whelping
- Wildlife Diaries Boxset
- Wildlife Specials DVD Collection

E-Books

In addition to traditional printed books we also have access to a growing number of electronic books or e-books.

Dawsonera


Dawsonera is a collection of around 200 e-books covering a wide range of subject areas. In addition to the purchased titles which are available for 24 hour download, 66,000 further full-text titles are available for 5 minute previews. You will need an Athens username and password to access Dawsonera. Please contact [Andrew.Porter@writtle.ac.uk](mailto:Andrew.Porter@writtle.ac.uk) to have one emailed to you.

Free Online E-Books


International Veterinary Information Service [http://www.ivis.org/home.asp](http://www.ivis.org/home.asp)

The Internet Public Library [http://www.ipl.org/div/books/](http://www.ipl.org/div/books/)

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For more information on other services offered by the library, e.g. photocopying, computing and I.T, please ask a member of staff in the library or refer to the new users guide on the library pages of Moodle [http://moodle.writtle.ac.uk/](http://moodle.writtle.ac.uk/)

**Online Resources**

**Internet for Veterinary Medicine**
[http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/tutorial/veterinary/](http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/tutorial/veterinary/)
Tutorial for developing Internet skills in Veterinary Medicine

**Internet Detective**
[http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/](http://www.vts.intute.ac.uk/detective/)
A free online tutorial designed to help students develop the critical thinking required for their Internet research. The tutorial offers practical advice on evaluating the quality of websites and highlights the need for care when selecting online information sources to inform university or college work.

**Useful websites**

- Association of British Wild Animal Keepers - [http://www.abwak.co.uk/](http://www.abwak.co.uk/)
- British Veterinary Nursing Association - [http://www.bvna.org.uk/](http://www.bvna.org.uk/)
- DEFRA - [http://www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)
- Dog Breeders Association - [www.dog-breeds.co.uk](http://www.dog-breeds.co.uk)
- International Veterinary Information Service - [http://www.ivis.org](http://www.ivis.org)
- Pet Columns - [http://vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns/](http://vetmed.illinois.edu/petcolumns/)

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• Pet Diets - http://www.petdiets.com/
• Pet Health Council - http://www.pethealthcouncil.co.uk/
• Practical Animal Handling Tutorial -
  http://www.ahwla.org.uk/site/tutorials/BVA/BVA01-Title.html
• RSPCA - http://www.rspca.org.uk/
• VetNurse - http://www.vetnurse.co.uk/
• Veterinary Nurse Training Online -
  http://www.veterinarynursetrainingonline.org/
• Wildlife Information Network - http://www.wildlifeinformation.org/

If you need any further help please contact any member of library staff.