



# Best Practice Guidance for Use of Firearms in Zoos & Wildlife Parks

## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

Recognised by: CDS Firearms Training

Prerequisites:

### Introduction

This course will empower zookeepers with the skills required to deal with emergencies involving dangerous animals.

### Overview in brief

***This Lantra-accredited Customised Award is exclusively developed and delivered by a Lantra-approved Training Provider, who meets our quality standards. The course is specifically tailored to meet learners' needs. For further details about the course content and delivery locations, please contact the Training Provider using the details provided below.***

The minimum age to undertake this course is 17.

Zoo managers will learn how to select the correct weapons and implement effective procedures, to ensure compliance with BIAZA and UK regulations concerning the use of firearms in zoos.

Regrettably, there are many incidents of people climbing into dangerous animal enclosures and of dangerous animal escapes, many of which have resulted in serious injury and even death.

Too many zoos and wildlife parks are woefully ill equipped and ill prepared to deal with emergencies concerning dangerous animals.

The course offers easily accessible, affordable access, and an invaluable insight into subjects such as the appropriate choice of weapons, firearm licensing, how to liaise with the emergency services, how to approach dangerous animals, the relationship between shot placement and shot reaction along with a whole wealth of additional expertise that is delivered by an existing trusted provider of zookeeper training via an e-learning platform.





## The finer details

Coming from an extensive Police background and with over a decade of experience delivering firearms training to zoos & wildlife parks, lead instructor Peter S Jones has spent his career dealing with emergency situations and dangerous animals. Here he delivers a comprehensive, high quality, zookeeper course via a convenient online platform that is available to zoos and wildlife parks throughout the UK.

## Who should attend?

- Zookeepers
- Zoo Managers
- Owners and/or CEO of Zoos & Wildlife Parks

## What will be covered?

- Understand the need for firearms training in zoos
- Appreciate firearms safety & understand the component parts of a firearm
- Select the correct weapon for the requirements
- Choose the right calibre and ammunition
- Understand the basic rules of marksmanship
- Understand the relationship between shot placement and shot reaction
- Understand the principles of 'contact & cover' and 'reactionary gap'
- Understand how to follow up on shot animals
- Be able to implement sound procedures for dealing with emergencies concerning dangerous animal
- Understanding how to liaise effectively with the emergency services

## Other areas of interest

[Airgun Proficiency Course \(APC\)](#)

[Proficient Deer Stalker Certificate](#)

[Night Shooting Course](#)



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