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sick, injured or unwanted pound animals**

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Modification History

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Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.
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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has assisted with the euthanasia of animals under the direct supervision of a veterinarian, at least three times, including:

- selected a suitable method of euthanasia according to the size and number of animals and legislative constraints, in consultation with supervisor
- maintained high standards of hygiene, biosecurity and infection control to reduce the risk of infection and cross-infection
- disposed of animal carcass and waste not required for research or post-mortem purposes, in accordance with legislative requirements.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- meaning of euthanasia and humane killing
- injection methods and techniques
- how to use different euthanasia equipment and materials, including captive bolt, firearms and lethal injections
- the anatomy and physiology of animals commonly euthanased, especially the routes of administration, life signs and aiming points for firearms and captive bolts
- the boundaries of professional behaviour in dealing with own distress and grief in the workplace
- the equipment and drugs commonly used for euthanasia
- the suitability of different methods of euthanasia for a range of species
- the principles of animal welfare and ethics

- handling deceased animals with dignity
- the standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry
- requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice, including workplace health and safety, and relevant to work undertaken in an animal control and regulation environment in relation to the euthanasia of animals.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an animal control and regulation workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of animals to be euthanased
 - personal protective and safety equipment
- specifications:
 - access to state-based and territory-based legislation
 - animal welfare codes of practice relating to pound animals.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>