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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 6.0.

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 developed, validated and reviewed a plan for the rescue of companion animals for two different types of major incidents in one local area.

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:

- Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) principles
- communication systems in incident management
- major incidents involving the rescue of companion animals, including:
 - floods
 - fires
 - earthquakes
 - extreme weather events
 - human-induced hazards
 - occurrences that are likely to entail inter/intra-state and possibly international resources
- suitable facilities to house companion animals if emergency housing is required, including:
 - containment requirements of holding areas and temporary shelter, including moveable barriers, fencing, ropes, cages or enclosures, improvised equipment
 - quarantine and biosecurity requirements
- incident action processes for moving companion animals
- factors affecting the movement of animals, including injuries sustained and the possible need for first aid
- suitable methods and equipment for moving animals, including:

- cages, crates or enclosures
- handling and restraint methods
- moving techniques
- leading and walking
- transport vehicle types
- choice of route
- resources required to carry out the activity, including:
 - emergency equipment
 - emergency requirements – water, food, medication
 - personnel
- provision for appropriate veterinary care for rescued companion animals
- workplace health and safety procedures and principles relating to companion animal rescue, including:
 - manual handling of companion animals
 - using training equipment safely
 - risk and control strategies
- methods used to identify animals, and record-keeping requirements
- management of unowned animals or animals without an identifiable owner
- techniques for establishing animals in new location, and relevant requirements
- briefing and debriefing the incident, including operational and critical incident stress, companion animal evacuation processes and emergency requirements
- consolidation of information in a database or spreadsheet
- volunteer recruitment and training requirements
- local resources, facilities, suppliers and tradespeople
- workplace policies, protocols and procedures
- stakeholder consultation and participation methods
- local state/territory and national government regulations and codes of practice
- security arrangements:
 - procedures for animal shelter check-in
 - procedures for animal discharge to legal owners
- local networks and community organisations, including:
 - state or territory health departments
 - police and other emergency services
 - social security
 - government services
 - non-government organisations
 - service providers
 - community groups
 - incident landowner/manager
 - Animal Ready Community (ARC) contacts
- self-care strategies during an incident

- animal welfare practices
- project development, validation and review processes for companion animal rescue
- plan documentation requirements for companion animal rescue.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions or an incident scene – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - regulations relating to major incident planning
 - animal welfare regulations
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - community stakeholders, including companion animal owners
 - incident landowner/manager.

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.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>