



**Australian Government**

**ACMAIM501 Develop a plan for the rescue  
of companion animals during major  
incidents**

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## Modification History

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

## Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop a plan that relates to the rescue of companion animals during major incidents.

This unit applies to individuals who apply research and planning skills and knowledge to plan for companion animal emergency rescue activity. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of emergency planning activities. It applies to individuals who work autonomously and apply in-depth, technical skills and knowledge to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems within their scope of professional practice.

All work must be carried out to comply with Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

## Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

## Unit Sector

Animal Incident Management (AIM)

## Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Determine requirements for a	1.1 Consider the likelihood of various major incidents within the local area and conduct a risk assessment

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companion animal major incident rescue plan	<p>1.2 Research existing local, state/territory and federal government incident rescue plans</p> <p>1.3 Identify the features and facilities of the local area and how they impact upon major incident risks</p> <p>1.4 Identify companion animal emergency requirements during major incidents</p> <p>1.5 Research regulatory requirements that impact upon rescue operations, relocation issues and facility requirements</p> <p>1.6 Identify workplace health and safety, animal welfare practices and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements relevant to an incident</p>
2. Identify and liaise with appropriate community organisations	<p>2.1 Identify community organisations to be involved in a rescue plan, and consolidate information on roles in an information database</p> <p>2.2 Identify restrictions and barriers to effective liaison, and develop processes to promote communication with relevant emergency management stakeholders and companion animal owners in the local area</p> <p>2.3 Consult with local, state/territory and federal government agencies and incident landowner/manager as required, to identify and clarify roles and responsibilities in the plan</p> <p>2.4 Consult appropriate community stakeholders to discuss emergency processes and related budget requirements</p> <p>2.5 Consult with identified community organisations to identify and determine roles and responsibilities in the plan</p>
3. Identify roles for volunteers in a companion animal major incident rescue plan	<p>3.1 Determine roles within the plan that have clearly defined responsibilities suitable to delegate to volunteers</p> <p>3.2 Document volunteer roles, training requirements and self-care strategies according to workplace procedures</p> <p>3.3 Establish training requirements for volunteers to understand the plan and perform their role</p>

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4. Validate and document plan	<p>4.1 Review findings and seek feedback from appropriate stakeholders on priorities, movement methods, potential site suitability, resource and regulatory requirements, Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) principles and incident escalation contingencies and adjust plan as required</p> <p>4.2 Finalise, validate and document the plan for the rescue of companion animals during major incidents in an appropriate and accessible format</p>

## Foundation Skills

*This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.*

<b>Skill</b>	<b>Description</b>
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather, interpret and analyse a variety of textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare strategic business documentation, incorporating vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

<b>Code and title current version</b>	<b>Code and title previous version</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Equivalence status</b>
ACMAIM501 Develop a plan for the rescue of companion animals	Not applicable	This unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing	Newly created

during major incidents		unit	
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## Links

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