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ACMARM403 Identify and respond to animal behaviour in animal management and regulation environment

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to identify and interpret animal behaviour and take appropriate action to address unwanted, unusual and/or maladaptive animal behaviour.

This unit applies to individuals who assess and respond to animal behaviour in order to carry out regulatory or other animal management duties and identify appropriate people to refer animal owners/caretakers to for help. They work autonomously and apply specialist knowledge and skills to provide solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Animal Regulation and Management (ARM)

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. Identify factors that contribute to animal	1.1 Identify animal by species, breed group, age, physical condition, health and individual behavioural characteristics

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behaviour	1.2 Identify contextual factors in physical and social environment that may affect observable behaviours
2. Identify animal behaviour	2.1 Observe animal and interpret body language and other signs indicating likely emotional state and level of arousal 2.2 Identify and document behaviour, health and wellbeing of animal using workplace formats 2.3 Identify indicators of species-specific normal and unwanted, unusual and/or maladaptive animal behaviour related to the situation 2.4 Identify probable causation of unwanted, unusual and/or maladaptive behaviour 2.5 Seek assistance or advice from supervisors, team members or experts according to workplace procedures
3. Address unwanted, unusual or maladaptive behaviour	3.1 Determine the most effective actions to address safety and risks associated with the animal and its behaviour 3.2 Action response to animal behaviour to address compliance requirements, safety, welfare and other risks according to workplace procedures 3.3 Provide advice and discuss constructive and effective options for treating or managing unwanted, unusual or maladaptive behaviour with owners or carers 3.4 Offer referral to specialists if required, according to workplace procedures 3.5 Enter new or amend existing records of the response in workplace information management system

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.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret and comprehend information in legislative and workplace documentation relevant to responding to animal behaviour

Skill	Description
Writing	Use accurate animal industry and regulatory terminology to describe animal behaviour
Oral communication	- Discuss animal behaviour with others using current, best practice terminology, and language and tone appropriate to audience - Use questioning and active listening to clarify and confirm understanding

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMARM403 Identify and respond to animal behaviour in animal management and regulation environment	ACMACR403 Identify and respond to animal behaviour	Title changed Performance criteria reordered and updated for industry currency and clarity Assessment requirements updated	Not equivalent

Links

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