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Modification History

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

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:

- completed procedures and documentation for one animal received into the holding facility for two of the following intake routes for facility:
    - stray animal via animal management officer (AMO)
    - stray via community drop-off
    - owner relinquishment
- completed procedures and documentation for two of the following:
    - one animal discharged and returned to its owner
    - one animal discharged and adopted/rehomed
    - one animal discharged and transferred to an outside agency
    - one animal to be euthanised
- provided care for at least two impounded animals of different commonly held species
- provided care for an animal displaying two of the following:
    - signs of compromised welfare due to fear
    - signs of compromised physical health
    - behavioural signs of aggression towards humans and/or other animals
- maintained high standards of hygiene within the holding facility relevant to job role responsibilities
- handled or interacted with each animal in a safe and low stress manner.

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:

- animal identification techniques, including use of microchip scanners and registration databases
- species-specific and best practice health and care requirements for animals in holding facility, including:
  - feed, water and housing requirements
  - security arrangements
  - social requirements and species compatibility
  - health and hygiene requirements
  - species-specific animal body language and signals of emotional states
- signs and methods of prevention and control of common domestic animal diseases and infections, including zoonoses
- species-specific and best practice enrichment and basic behavioural modification, including common techniques for modifying housing or husbandry to improve welfare or address specific physical or mental requirements of animals
- behaviour indicators of and common causes of unwanted, maladaptive or atypical behaviour for two different species of domestic animals
- methods of assessing welfare of animal species in care, when kept in holding facility/shelter environment
- safe, humane, and low-stress safe handling techniques
- workplace policies, procedures and requirements, including:
  - safety and biosecurity procedures
  - hygiene and infection control
  - safe use of disinfectants and cleaning agents
  - waste disposal, including biological waste
  - animal welfare
- methods to research and contact animal owners, including digital media where appropriate
- common cleaning and disinfectant chemicals, including the limitations and appropriate use of different active ingredients for different levels of sanitation
- correct cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in animal holding facility workplace for quarantine, isolation, routine cleaning and spot cleaning
- requirements of relevant record-keeping system
- key requirements of relevant legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice for carrying out animal holding facility procedures.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
  - an animal holding facility or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - live animals specified in the performance evidence

- cleaning equipment and products
- workplace record-keeping/information management system.

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

Links

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