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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:

- researched, created and analysed a behaviour profile for one animal or one species
- developed, monitored and reviewed one training and one enrichment program, including short-term and long-term objectives for one animal or species
- maintained records for each animal or species
- provided support and advice to two staff members on behavioural husbandry, including animal training and enrichment programs
- contributed one recommendation to the facility's animal behavioural husbandry policy.

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:

- specific behavioural needs of an animal or species, including:
 - how to collect information via detailed observation, research and discussions with others
 - natural habitat – environment and diet
 - normal and abnormal behaviour and behavioural patterns
 - housing, nutrition and feeding, enclosure or exhibit and breeding requirements
 - socialisation and conspecific interactions
 - anatomy and physiology, including reproductive behaviour
- features of behavioural husbandry, including:
 - behavioural training
 - enrichment programs
- key purpose, features and techniques used in training, including:

- assisting with husbandry activities
- accessing animals for health and veterinary checks
- interpretative programs
- key purpose, features and strategies used in enrichment programs, including:
 - goal-based enrichment
 - encouraging natural behaviours
 - promoting wellbeing and animal welfare
- animal welfare principles and ethics related to behaviour management, including:
 - Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Exhibited Animals
 - animal welfare assessment frameworks – Five Domains, Quality of Life, Five Freedoms
 - state/territory regulations
- relevant facility policies and procedures, including:
 - managing animal behaviour
 - health and safety and emergency procedures
 - animal handling
- facility record-keeping requirements relevant to behaviour management, including:
 - information management software
 - animal husbandry manuals
 - observation and monitoring records.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals as specified in the performance evidence
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care facility
- specifications:
 - facility policies and procedures relating to behavioural management
- relationships:
 - team members.

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>

