



**Australian Government**

# **ACMCAN311 Care for young animals**

**Release: 1**

## ACMCAN311 Care for young animals

### Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor the general health and wellbeing of young animals that may be either rescued native wildlife or captive animals being naturally or artificially reared.

This unit applies to wildlife animal keepers or carers who work in a captive animal facility, under the direction of a more experienced staff member.

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

NOTE: The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

### Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

### Unit Sector

Captive Animals (CAN)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	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 and assist with animal care needs	1.1 Prepare and maintain a suitable environment for rearing young animals according to WHS requirements 1.2 Develop appropriate care program to ensure the health and wellbeing of the animals

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
	1.3 Provide assistance in operating and maintaining controlled environments according to facility policies and procedures 1.4 Identify and minimise artificial rearing risks
2. Monitor health and nutrition requirements for young animals	2.1 Prepare and store dietary and feeding requirements according to facility policies and procedures 2.2 Monitor growth and general condition of animals 2.3 Follow weaning procedures for nominated species 2.4 Conduct pre-release activities under supervision where appropriate 2.5 Maintain records according to facility policies and procedures

## 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>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and document an appropriate dietary and feeding plan</li> </ul>
Get the work done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain the highest standards of hygiene and infection control to reduce the risk of infection and cross-infection</li> <li>Identify signs and symptoms of disease and ill thrift in young animals</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>
ACMCAN311 Care for young animals	ACMCAN311A Care for young animals	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

## Links

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