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Modification History

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

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 developed enrichment strategies for at least three companion animals, including:

- communicated enrichment strategies to staff, providing training and supervision of implementation
- maintained records of enrichment strategies
- modified behaviour enrichment programs as required
- observed animals and documented and reported behaviour and feeding patterns.

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:

- a variety of physical, social and food-related enrichment activities
- common indicators of the presence of disease, injury, compromised health or distress in animals
- communication procedures and systems, and technology relevant to the organisation and own work responsibilities
- companion animal husbandry regimes
- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- health and behavioural signs and patterns, including desirable and undesirable features using industry standard terminology
- housing, exercise, social and activity needs of animals
- indicators of stress and wellbeing in animals
- methods of rectifying and modifying animal behaviour patterns
- natural animal behaviour relating to the characteristics of the species, age, health status and social needs

- normal and abnormal behaviour patterns and traits of commonly held animals
- safe animal handling techniques
- safe work practices
- species compatibility
- standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry
- animal welfare and ethics
- the signs, behaviour and objective measures of development in young animals
- waste management strategies
- WHS and animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live companion animals
 - housing for companion animals
 - resources to implement enrichment strategies.

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.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>