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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 in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual carried out the required daily stable preparation and cleaning tasks, under supervision, for at least three different horses. The tasks to be carried out for each horse must include:

- carrying out basic assessment of risk before commencing tasks, and reporting hazards and risks outside of own control
- using personal protective equipment (PPE) specific to task
- following work health and safety (WHS) procedures for:
 - working with horse excrement and other discharges
 - working with feed stuffs
 - handling chemicals
 - manual handling
- communicating effectively with supervisor, including raising issues of concern
- maintaining the stable environment including:
 - removing and replacing damaged or dirty items
 - cleaning boxes, floors, water and feed containers
 - using shavings or sawdust or other bedding for different floor types and stabling purposes
- using stable-cleaning tools and load-carrying equipment to minimise risk of injury and to complete tasks efficiently
- providing horse with water and feed using common feed stuffs.

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:

- type, purpose and use of PPE for different tasks

- type, purpose and use of horse bedding and floor coverings, including depth of bedding
- procedures for cleaning, disinfecting and laying stable bedding
- common feed types and water requirements for horses
- common feed stuffs, including:
 - hay
 - chaff
 - grain/pellets or other forms of concentrated feed
 - electrolyte and mineral supplements
 - bran
 - feed appetisers
- identifying contaminated and unsuitable quality feed
- consequences to horse welfare if poor quality or contaminated feed stuffs are used
- reporting requirements for stock control of feed and bedding supplies
- types of horse health information that can be gathered during cleaning and feeding routines
- horse care issues that should be reported to supervisor during cleaning activities
- tools, equipment and procedures for:
 - preparing, storing and distributing feed
 - undertaking routine stable duties
 - cleaning and disinfecting equipment and work areas
 - removing soiled bedding
- WHS requirements in the context of own work, including:
 - safe horse handling techniques
 - repetitive work duties in horse environments
 - working with horse excrement and other discharges
 - working with feed stuffs
 - manual handling
 - handling chemicals.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various calm, consistent and obedient horses assessed as suitable for the skill and experience of the individual
 - PPE for the individual suitable for activity and correctly fitted
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity
 - cleaning materials
 - feed and water for horses

- load carrying or manual handling equipment
- specifications:
 - work instructions
- relationships with others:
 - supervisor.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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>