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ACMEXH303 Prepare and maintain animal habitats

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to determine housing needs for animal species. It includes preparation, cleaning and routine tasks required to maintain the hygiene, safety and appearance of animal habitats, typically an enclosure or exhibit.

This unit applies to individuals who work in animal carer, keeper or aquarist roles, undertaking individual and team activities in small to large scale animal facilities. They perform work under broad direction and are required to take responsibility for their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, organising processes and working to schedules.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Exhibited Animals (EXH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare species-specific housing	1.1 Identify behavioural, physical and social requirements of the species

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or habitats	1.2 Identify safety and security requirements of animal enclosure for specific species 1.3 Identify and assess enclosure furniture and enrichment requirements for species 1.4 Prepare animal housing appropriate for species requirements
2. Implement animal housing maintenance routines	2.1 Identify and follow schedule for enclosure maintenance activities 2.2 Follow procedures for managing security and safety and animal wellbeing during maintenance activities 2.3 Maintain aesthetic qualities and furniture of enclosures or exhibits 2.4 Report areas requiring horticultural or maintenance attention 2.5 Confirm responsibility levels for horticultural or maintenance tasks and work schedule timelines in consultation with supervisor
3. Maintain enclosure hygiene and appearance	3.1 Prepare, implement and review cleaning regime for a section or individual enclosure or exhibit 3.2 Use and correctly fit personal protective equipment for cleaning, hygiene and infection control 3.3 Clean enclosures, equipment and furniture with minimum disturbance to animals 3.4 Detect and report pests according to facility procedures 3.5 Assist with environmentally safe and effective pest control 3.6 Maintain tools and equipment in safe working condition 3.7 Report and record enclosure or exhibit maintenance status

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.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret information from facility procedures on animal housing
Writing	Complete workplace documentation using appropriate language

Skill	Description
	and terminology for enclosure or exhibit maintenance
Oral communication	Use questioning and listening techniques to exchange and clarify information
Numeracy	Collect and record numerical data in facility information management systems

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMEXH303 Prepare and maintain animal habitats	ACMCAN304 Prepare and maintain animal housing	Changed title Minor changes to performance criteria and assessment requirements for clarity	Equivalent

Links

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