



**Australian Government**

# **ACMGAS103 Assist in the care of animals**

**Release: 1**

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### 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 covers the skills and knowledge required to provide basic care of quiet, well-handled animals under supervision.

It covers understanding potential hazards and associated risks when working with and around animals.

This is an introductory unit for individuals with little or no experience working with animals in commercial or professional animal care settings, and who undertake defined routine activities under direct supervision.

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

General Animal Studies (GAS)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

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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>
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	<p>the animal</p> <p>1.2 Take steps to control risks as directed</p> <p>1.3 Confirm tools and equipment to be used with supervisor</p> <p>1.4 Select appropriate personal protective equipment and ensure correct fit</p> <p>1.5 Apply safe work practices according to workplace policies and procedures</p>
2. Maintain a clean workplace	<p>2.1 Clean animal housing, floors, benches and other flat areas according to WHS and organisational policies and procedures</p> <p>2.2 Dispose of waste and soiled bedding according to workplace policies and procedures</p>
3. Assist in feeding animals	<p>3.1 Identify food stuffs, and categorise for specific animal dietary needs</p> <p>3.2 Report food stuffs that are contaminated or of unsuitable quality</p> <p>3.3 Prepare equipment used in food preparation and distribution</p> <p>3.4 Provide assistance to experienced staff in the preparation and distribution of meals</p> <p>3.5 Clean and store equipment and materials according to workplace policies and procedures</p>
4. Report basic animal behaviour and health status	<p>4.1 Identify characteristics of animal behaviour</p> <p>4.2 Identify signs of healthy, sick or distressed animals</p> <p>4.3 Report signs of out-of-character behaviour and poor health to supervisor</p>

## 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>

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Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document basic workplace information related to the daily care of animals</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to, and clarify, instructions</li> <li>Report inconsistencies and issues with animal food, health, hygiene and safety to supervisor</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGAS103 Assist in the care of animals	ACMGAS103A Assist in the care of 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>