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**Assessment Requirements for ACMGAS301
Maintain and monitor animal health and
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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 maintained and monitored the health and wellbeing of a minimum of three different animals and, on each occasion, the individual must have:

- applied work practices for personal safety and personal hygiene standards
- monitored and tested indicators of animal health
- assessed the physical environment of animals for evidence of problems that may have affected the physical wellbeing and welfare of animals
- maintained records of quarantine, observations, monitoring activities and samples
- administered treatments under supervision.

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:

- anatomical and physiological structures and functions related to animal health and wellbeing
- anatomical and physiological terminology and glossary of terms
- broad categories of parasitic infestations
- common infectious diseases, including:
 - bacteria
 - fungi
 - internal and external parasites
 - virus
 - zoonoses
- common non-infectious diseases, including:
 - allergies

- chemical toxicities
- genetic
- metabolic
- neoplastic
- nutritional
- indicators of animal health
- observing and reporting unusual behaviour for nominated animal:
 - aggression or docility (depending on animal)
 - disinterest in surroundings, other animals, people or usual stimuli
 - excessive licking, scratching and rubbing
 - lethargy
 - nest building
 - self-mutilation
 - trembling
 - vocalising
- observing and reporting indicators of illness or injury:
 - bleeding
 - changes in drinking or eating patterns
 - lameness or reluctance to move and vocalising when attempting to move
 - swelling
 - unusual amounts, colour or texture of faeces
- indicators of poor response to treatment or management of young, ill, injured or compromised animals
- indicators of recovery from illness or injury
- quarantine protocols
- safe work practices
- the methods used to measure, interpret and record animals' weight and other objective measures of animal health
- the principles of animal welfare and ethics.

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:
 - a range of animals
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care environment
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice

- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with supervisor.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

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