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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:

- observed, recorded and reported normal and abnormal behaviour patterns and conditions for two different animals
- provided behavioural management and/or enrichment programs for a minimum of three animals, covering two different species.

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:

- strategies to encourage natural behaviour, including activities and equipment:
  - to encourage foraging or hunting for food appropriate for species
  - to provide exercise and physical fitness and dexterity relevant to animal species
  - to provide opportunities to live and socialise in an environment appropriate for particular species
  - to rest, hide or shelter in appropriate housing
  - to reinforce the role of owner or handler in an appropriate context for the nominated species
- signs of stress:
  - aggressive behaviour
  - destruction of equipment or habitat
  - inappetence
  - over-stimulation of animal
  - repetitive actions
  - self-mutilation
• subdued behaviour
• trembling
• vocalisation
• abnormal behaviours, including:
  • exaggerated forms of a normal behaviour
  • repetitive patterns or actions
  • stationary, non-purposeful movements
• strategies to manage undesirable animal behaviours, including:
  • consulting behaviour specialists
  • food or food-related enrichment
  • providing equipment to encourage appropriate exercise
  • providing equipment and toys for skill development and time occupiers
  • providing species-appropriate housing and bedding
  • nest building or bedding material
  • social enrichment
• safe and humane animal handling techniques
• the milestones in developmental progress from newborn to mature animals
• WHS and animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice.

Assessment Conditions
Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:
• physical conditions:
  • an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting
• resources, equipment and materials:
  • a range of real animals
  • equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care environment
• specifications:
  • access to organisational policies and procedures
  • current WHS and animal welfare legislation, regulations and 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.
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