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**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.

## 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.

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -  
<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

