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**Assessment Requirements for ACMGAS303
Plan for and provide nutritional
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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 planned for and provided a diet that provided the appropriate nutritional requirements for a minimum of three different animals, covering two species, including:

- developing diets for animals in consultation with others
- preparing, storing and distributing food according to animal needs, workplace protocols and procedures, whilst maintaining quality control and hygiene practices
- monitoring response to feeding program and modifying diets as required in consultation with supervisor.

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:

- animal classifications that influence dietary needs and styles of eating
- behavioural features related to feeding styles and unsuitable responses to diets
- methods used to monitor nutritional uptake:
 - blood and faecal tests to check nutritional uptake
 - comparing food distributed and food not eaten
 - estimating condition scores
 - weighing animals
- principles of contamination and cross-contamination
- feedstuffs available and approved in Australia for animals, their availability, cost, shelf life, method of storage, preparation and presentation to animals
- feeding methods of different animals
- appropriate containers for food for different animals
- common nutrition-related health problems

- protein, carbohydrate, vitamin and mineral supplement and fibre needs for a range of animal groups
- sources of nutrients for particular animal classes and groups
- the potential causes of poor response to diets
- safe and humane animal handling techniques.

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 animals
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care environment
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures
- 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=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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