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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

## 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 assisted in the care of a minimum of three animals, including for each:

- cleaned work areas and animal housing according to workplace procedures
- assisted in the preparation and distribution of food under supervision
- observed and reported observations of live animal behaviour and health status to 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:

- a range of basic animal care work tasks, including:
  - enclosure and bed cleaning and bedding replacement
  - feeding and watering animals
  - collecting, recording and updating information
  - observing and reporting animal behaviour
  - cleaning workplace and equipment
- tools and equipment required to undertake routine duties, including cleaning and general housekeeping activities
- key risks of working with animals relevant to context, including:
  - animal bites, kicks and/or scratches
  - biological waste
  - handling of chemicals
  - manual handling
  - slippery or uneven work surfaces

- zoonoses
- basic hygiene and infection control relevant to care of animals in the facility
- characteristics of animal behaviour, including body language
- basic nutritional and water requirements for animals, including:
  - storage, preparation and presentation requirements for food for animals
  - types of food
  - contaminated and unsuitable quality food products
- animal care workplace procedures related to health and safety, animal welfare and waste disposal requirements.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - live animals as specified in the performance evidence
  - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken specified in the performance evidence
- specifications:
  - workplace procedures and instructions related to the care of animals
- relationship:
  - 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>