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Assessment Requirements for ACMGEN201 Work in the animal care industry

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Modification History

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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:

- identified a total of 10 common species or breeds covering the following groups:
 - companion animals
 - livestock
 - wildlife/native animals
 - declared pest animals
- documented a brief description, including unique features of an animal, for two species
- followed task instructions and workplace procedures to safely complete at least two routine animal care work activities for live animals in an animal care workplace, selected from the following:
 - set up of animal bedding or housing
 - cleaning and maintenance of animal housing and/or facility work areas, including the removal of animal waste and soiled bedding materials
 - feeding and watering animals
 - enrichment
- interacted with and/or handled at least three different animals in a humane manner using low stress techniques
- communicated effectively with supervisor and team members using industry-appropriate terminology.

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:

- taxonomy of the animal kingdom, including scientific names

- features and characteristics used to identify a range of animals by species and breed, including:
 - standard Australian dog breeds
 - cat breeds
 - horses
 - reptiles
 - fish
 - birds
 - livestock
- identifiable animal characteristics, including:
 - age, sex and size
 - coat or skin colours
 - markings, patterns and permanent scars
 - microchip, ear tags, tattoos and markings and leg bands
 - movement and behaviour of animals
 - animal temperaments and behaviours and how they relate to associated risks and hazards
- basic animal behaviour as it relates to breed, type or group, including basic identification of body language and communication
- services available in different animal care sectors, including:
 - animal technology, including biomedical research
 - animal regulation and management
 - exhibited/captive animals
 - companion animal services
 - veterinary practices
 - wildlife care and rehabilitation
- features of animal care industries, including:
 - relationships between sectors and other industries
 - industry work conditions
 - legislation that affects the industry, including workplace health and safety and animal welfare
 - industrial relations and employment terms and conditions
 - appropriate industry work ethics
 - industry quality assurance standards
 - general job responsibilities in a range of animal care sectors
- animal care workplace policies and procedures, including:
 - animal welfare
 - environmentally sustainable practices
 - infection control
 - privacy and confidentiality of client information

- risks of working with animals relevant to context or species, including:
 - animal bites, envenomation, kicks, scratches and crush injuries
 - biological hazardous waste handling and disposal
 - handling of chemicals and medicines
 - manual handling, including carrying, lifting and shifting
 - needle pricks and cuts from other sharps
 - release of infective agents (animal and human)
 - slippery or uneven work surfaces
 - zoonoses
- principles of animal welfare requirements applicable to work role, including basic overview of ethics, assessment frameworks and legislation
- common diseases, ailments, injuries and other impacts on animal health and wellbeing relevant to species or context
- housing, exercise, social and activity needs of a range of animals
- industry or workplace expectations of conduct, presentation and work performance
- types of disinfectants or cleaning agents, and cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in an animal care workplace.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals for the animal care activities specified in the performance evidence
 - photos/videos of real animals where access to the range of animal species required for identification in the performance evidence is limited
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care environment
- specifications:
 - animal care workplace policies and procedures related to tasks specified in the performance evidence
- relationships:
 - supervisor and team members.

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>

