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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 completed animal care hygiene routines for at least three different live animals in an animal care facility. The three animals must cover two different species and two different life stages.

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- completed a total enclosure/housing clean out, including the removal of animal waste, soiled bedding materials and food that is no longer required
- completed daily routine cleaning of animal housing and related facilities, including removal of animal waste
- washed or brushed animals according to their individual requirements
- monitored animals and maintained animal comfort and health during hygiene routines
- reported and documented animal care duties, including animal welfare or animal housing issues as required according to workplace procedures.

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 care and hygiene principles
- reporting observations of normal species-specific behaviour and indicators of ill health, injury or distress
- typical tasks to maintain animal housing, including:
  - adjusting animal housing features according to weather and climatic conditions
  - collection and removal of faeces/urine using approved cleaning products and methods
  - completing cleaning routines for sick or quarantined animals to avoid cross-contamination

- emptying and cleaning water and feeding receptacles using approved cleaning products and methods
- refilling water containers
- removing rubbish from housing and surrounding areas
- removing soiled bedding and disposing of in approved area
- resetting of clean bedding materials
- replacement of housing furniture and enrichment items
- hygiene control practices, including:
  - personal hygiene practices, including washing and drying hands before and after animal contact
  - use of personal protective equipment
  - aseptic techniques
  - completing infection control procedures as required
  - quarantine or isolation procedures for potentially contagious or ill animals
  - checking animal's skin, coat, shell, carapace and/or other external features
  - coat or skin, grooming or shedding needs relevant to species
  - species-specific cleaning requirements to remove dirt, foreign objects, parasites or other undesirable items
- safe and humane animal handling techniques
- types of cleaning and animal hygiene care equipment
- workplace procedures for hygiene, health and safety and animal welfare related to animal care hygiene.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
  - an animal care facility
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - live animals specified in the performance evidence
  - equipment, tools and resources for the animal care, cleaning and hygiene tasks specified in the performance evidence
- specifications:
  - workplace procedures for cleaning animals, animal care environments and animal housing
- relationships:
  - 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