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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:

- provided advice on companion animal selection to at least five different clients
- provided care advice for five different animals, including transportation, nutrition, housing, and social and emotional welfare
- completed at least three transactions for services, products or companion animals, and maintained accurate workplace records for each.

## 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 species and/or breeds commonly held or relevant to sector, including common names, key features and behavioural characteristics
- relevant commonly held companion animal products and services
- key requirements of relevant legislation relating to sales or transactions, and transportation of companion animals
- basic animal biology for relevant species
- general husbandry and care requirements of commonly selected companion animal species and/or breeds, including:
  - nutritional requirements
  - housing requirements, and cleaning and maintenance needs
  - emotional wellbeing – enrichment and social needs
  - safe and low stress animal handling techniques
  - health requirements, including preventative care
  - common diseases and treatment strategies
  - species compatibility

- principles of animal ethics and welfare as they apply to companion animals
- workplace communication procedures and systems, including sales techniques
- workplace information management systems, including digital systems
- workplace health and safety and environmental sustainability requirements, including hygiene standards relevant to the animal care industry.

## Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
  - a companion animal retail or service workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - products relevant to the sector or business, including for the care of specific companion animals
  - workplace record-keeping/information management system
- relationships:
  - clients specified in the performance evidence.

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>