



**Australian Government**

# **ACMGEN308 Walk and exercise dogs**

**Release: 1**

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### Modification History

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

### Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to manage dog walking and exercise activities for clients or the workplace.

This unit applies to individuals working in the companion animal industry sector where dog walking and exercise services are provided, and may include boarding/day care facilities, welfare organisations and animal shelters. They work independently and take responsibility for the quality of their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, selecting products and techniques, solving problems and working to required timeframes.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace. Local animal management regulations relating to dogs in the community vary according to jurisdiction and should be checked by users of this unit.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

### Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

### Unit Sector

General Animal Care (GEN)

### Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Establish dog walking and exercise	1.1 Identify local animal management regulations applicable to dogs

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requirements	<p>in the community</p> <p>1.2 Assess hazards to self and dog/s, relating to walking and exercise activities, and determine measures to minimise risks</p> <p>1.3 Identify workplace procedures for responding to emergencies or incidents</p> <p>1.4 Establish or implement a workplace system for identifying each dog and keeping records</p>
2. Organise arrangements and collect dog/s	<p>2.1 Identify client and/or workplace and animal exercise requirements</p> <p>2.2 Obtain information on dog, including medical conditions, health and vaccination status, and behavioural concerns</p> <p>2.3 Assess basic health, emotional state and physical capability of the dog to undertake exercise, and advise client or workplace of any issues</p> <p>2.4 Confirm arrangements for services, schedule and location</p> <p>2.5 Organise walking equipment, waste bags, water supply, enrichment and positive reinforcement items, and other supplies if required</p> <p>2.6 Select, check and correctly fit dog walking equipment</p> <p>2.7 Assess dog compatibility if activity involves more than one dog</p> <p>2.8 Collect dog/s and handle and secure using safe, low stress techniques</p>
3. Walk and exercise dog/s on lead	<p>3.1 Establish suitable walking route for on-lead activities</p> <p>3.2 Reinforce training relating to walking on lead, including use of lead, positioning dog, speed and direction, and visual and verbal cues</p> <p>3.3 Monitor interactions with other dogs and people and reinforce calm, socially healthy responses towards other dogs and unfamiliar people at all times</p> <p>3.4 Use management and training techniques to optimise positive welfare outcomes for dog/s at all times</p>
4. Finalise walk or exercise activity	<p>4.1 Return dog/s according to agreed arrangements</p> <p>4.2 Handle and dispose of dog waste according to local and environmental regulations</p> <p>4.3 Clean, sanitise and store equipment and transport, where used, according to workplace requirements</p> <p>4.4 Maintain log of activities and records according to workplace</p>

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	requirements 4.5 Organise payment information according to workplace procedures as required

## Foundation Skills

*This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.*

Skill	Description
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interpret animal management regulations relating to dogs in the community</li> </ul>
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use industry terminology when completing records</li> </ul>
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine requirements through open-ended questioning, active listening, paraphrasing and summarising</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimate and calculate weight, distance, slope, area, ratio, time, temperature and speed</li> </ul>

## Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGEN308 Walk and exercise dogs	Not applicable	Unit created to address an emerging skill required by industry	Newly created

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>