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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 provide essential first aid for animals. The first aider is not expected to deal with complex cases or incidents, but to provide an initial response where first aid is required.

The unit applies to individuals working in the animal care and management industry in a range of small to large facilities who may be required to apply animal first aid. They work under broad direction, typically in a team environment, and are required to take responsibility for their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, organising processes, solving routine problems and working to schedules.

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.

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. Assess the situation and plan response	1.1 Recognise if the situation is an emergency and follow workplace procedures

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	1.2 Identify the animal and hazards and take action to minimise immediate risks to self, other people, the injured animal and other animals
	1.3 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow workplace health and safety procedures when handling animals
	1.4 Assess options for assisting animal according to workplace procedures
2. Approach, secure and protect animal	2.1 Select appropriate equipment for handling and securing the animal
	2.2 Approach and handle animal safely, using low stress techniques to minimise stress, pain and further injuries
	2.3 Reassure animal in a caring manner and make comfortable using available resources
	2.4 Assess physical condition and vital signs of the animal
3. Provide first aid assistance	3.1 Provide basic first aid according to established animal first aid procedures
	3.2 Seek first aid assistance or advice from others as appropriate and required
	3.3 Keep supervisor or appropriate personnel informed of animal condition
	3.4 Record relevant information for animal and/or incident according to workplace procedures

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
Writing	• Record animal or incident information accurately using industry terminology
Oral communication	• Speak clearly and calmly when seeking assistance or conveying information to others • Listen actively when seeking advice from supervisor or other

Skill	Description
	personnel

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGEN309 Provide basic animal first aid	ACMGAS206 Provide basic animal first aid	Redesigned unit that includes content from ACMGAS206 Provide basic animal first aid and ACMGAS305 Rescue animals and apply basic first aid	Not equivalent
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