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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has managed foaling and post-foaling of at least three mares, including:

- checking each mare for signs of difficult birth prior to foaling
- assisting each mare during the stages of labour using safe and calm horse handling techniques
- monitoring mare and foal during and after birth
- providing care and attending to each newborn foal and any orphan foal
- implementing vaccination program
- providing antenatal treatments to each mare and foal.

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:

- principles and practices for managing foaling, including:
 - normal pregnancy and foaling parameters
 - complications and issues during labour
 - common newborn foal diseases
 - foal health problems
 - importance of colostrum and checking colostrum levels
 - sucking reflex in newborn foals
 - newborn foal examination
 - raising orphan foals and fostering newborn foals
- identifying specific hazards and risks and safe techniques relating to foaling and post-foaling activities:

- handling pregnant mares
- handling and safely holding or restraining foals
- safe work practices relating to foaling and post-foaling activities, including:
 - safe horse and foal handling techniques, including working alone
 - hygiene and biosecurity
 - animal welfare principles and practices.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various pregnant mares and newborn foals assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack and equipment for managing foaling and post-foaling problems
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
- specifications:
 - work instructions.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>