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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.
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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:

- reviewed workplace biosecurity and infection control policy and procedures in an animal care environment to:
 - identify requirements relevant to an animal carer's role
 - contribute at least two suggestions for updates
- recognised signs of at least four different infectious diseases (including at least two zoonotic diseases) in two different animal species
- carried out infection control activities on at least three separate occasions to prevent the transfer of disease in the following situations:
 - animal to person
 - animal to animal.

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:

- key principles of biosecurity and infection control for animals, including:
 - personal hygiene, vaccinations/immunisation and personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - prevention of disease (biosecurity) and containment (infection control)
 - ways of spreading infections and diseases including people, animals, environment and equipment
 - cleaning, disinfecting and/or sterilising equipment
 - appropriate reprocessing of reusable equipment
 - limiting movement of animals and contact with people

- limiting environmental contamination including pests, vermin and vector
- reporting incidents and contagious diseases
- standard precautions for the care and treatment of all animals, regardless of their perceived or confirmed infectious status for animal care, including:
 - personal hygiene practices especially washing and drying hands, including before and after animal contact and respiratory hygiene
 - personal vaccination/immunisation requirements
 - safe handling and disposal of sharps and other clinical, related and general waste
 - surface cleaning and management of bodily fluid spills including blood, urine and excrement
 - disposal of biological waste
 - techniques to limit contamination
 - use of PPE
- transmission-based precautions, when standard precautions are not sufficient, tailored to the specific infection agent involved and its mode of transmission, including:
 - additional use of PPE
 - dedicated equipment, to each animal or as appropriate to work function
 - isolation
 - restricted movement of animal, staff and visitors/customers
 - use of a special facility
- aseptic techniques
- basic microbiology, including:
 - bacteria and bacterial spores
 - fungi
 - viruses
 - microbial resistance and use of antibiotics
- common viruses that affect animals
- common zoonotic diseases and transmission
- risk of acquisition
- waste disposal methods compliant with environmental protection (waste management) legislation and regulations
- immunisation/vaccination requirements for animal care workers where applicable
- rodent and vector control procedures
- overview of key requirements in relevant state or territory legislation and regulations relating to health and safety in the workplace, animal welfare, biosecurity procedures and waste disposal
- safe animal handling techniques
- terminology used to describe and document animal health and behavioural signs
- the purpose and use of containment and isolation facilities
- features of infectious disease control kit
- workplace hygiene standards, disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials.

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:
 - a range of animals or suitable taxidermy specimens, veterinary simulators, anatomical models or images/video or a combination of these
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care facility
 - appropriate PPE and contamination prevention clothing
 - cleaning equipment and materials
 - cleaning product user instructions and/or safety data sheets
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures for infection control and biosecurity
 - access to current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice for infection control and biosecurity.

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>