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Modification History

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

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has implemented and monitored equine health and treatment programs for an organisation or workplace housing at least two performance horses, including:

- determining the current soundness and state of fitness of a horse from a visual inspection, vital sounds and fitness test
- detecting signs, symptoms and other indications of common diseases and injuries presented by performance horses, and determining the appropriate actions
- administering common over-the-counter to horses
- calibrating equipment to deliver correct dosage of medication appropriate to the age and weight of the horse
- handling horses safely and humanely for administering medication, health checks and other husbandry practices
- performing basic hoof care, including rasping and shaping the hoof and removing shoes
- training staff in horse handling, including undertaking health checks, recognising signs of health and disease and administering medication
- identifying issues requiring input from industry professionals and interacting with the relevant type of professional
- designing and implementing quarantine procedures and reporting notifiable diseases
- implementing current legislative and industry codes of practice requirements relevant to working and interacting with horses, including:
  - animal welfare practices
  - work health and safety (WHS) practices relating to safety around horses
  - biosecurity practices.

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 features of horse anatomy and physiology
- common equine diseases and injuries, their causes and treatment options
- preventative health supplies and medications
- quarantine procedures
- horse teeth indicators of age
- basic hoof care techniques
- alternative equine therapies
- types of services offered by industry professionals, including veterinarians, farriers and equine dentists
- key requirements of work health and safety regulations and guidelines relating to:
  - risk assessment, control and review
  - due diligence for staff and other personnel
  - safe horse handling techniques
  - storage of medicines and chemicals and cleaning agents
  - personal protective equipment (PPE) including use, storage, maintenance and replacement schedules
- key requirements of biosecurity standards, relevant to horse disease, hygiene standards, notifiable diseases and quarantine procedures
- key requirements of animal welfare standards, policies and procedures relevant to the safe, humane and ethical care of horses.

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 live, performance horses assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual
  - workplace procedures and records of horse health and treatment
  - equipment and materials required for activities
  - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity
  - consumables and medication relevant to activities in the performance evidence
- relationships:
  - industry professionals who can be approached for advice.

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