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**Assessment Requirements for ACMSPE303
Provide basic care of common native
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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 must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- identified the specific characteristics and needs of common native mammals
- provided basic care for a minimum of one native mammal, including:
 - demonstrating appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
 - preparing and providing food
 - assisting with health care needs
 - maintaining feed and treatment records.

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:

- anatomical structures and physiological features used to identify and classify common native mammals, including marsupials and monotremes
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for native mammals
- indicators of the physical condition and signs of good health in native mammals
- housing, social and activity needs of native mammals and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- natural native mammal behaviour
- behaviour characteristics that can vary according to:
 - the breeding season
 - the species, breed, age and sex of the animals
 - the time of day or night.
- behaviour characteristics associated with different species:
 - activity levels at certain times of day or night

- feeding and foraging
- social interaction
- defensive and nervous behaviour
- dominance and aggressive behaviour
- stereotypical behaviour
- submissive gestures
- native mammal enrichment needs, including:
 - food or food-related enrichment
 - physical enrichment items
 - nest building or bedding material
 - social enrichment
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing, including zoonoses
- principles of animal welfare
- safe native mammal handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including use of personal protective equipment
- types of food and food supplements and their role in native mammal diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species and appropriate plant recognition
- types of information that is reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- state/territory legislation and codes of practice related to captured wildlife, biosecurity, WHS and animal welfare.

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 common native animals
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care facility
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with supervisor.

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>