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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 physical and behavioural characteristics and needs of rodents and rabbits
- provided care for a minimum of two rabbits or two rodents, or one rabbit and one rodent, including (for each):
 - demonstrating appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
 - preparing and providing food and water
 - assisting with routine health care needs
 - maintaining housing and bedding
- maintained feed and treatment records for one rabbit or one rodent.

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 rodents and rabbits
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for rodents and rabbits
- housing, social and activity needs of rodents and rabbits and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- indicators of the physical condition and signs of good health in rodents and rabbits
- natural rodent and rabbit behaviour
- characteristics that vary according to environmental conditions, including:
 - lighting
 - noise
 - temperature

- the breeding season
- the species, breed, age and sex of the animals
- the time of day or night
- characteristics associated with different species, including:
 - activity levels at certain times of day or night
 - social interaction
 - feeding behaviours
 - enurination/spraying
- defensive and aggressive behaviours
- submissive gestures
- 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
- safe rodent and rabbit handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including personal protective equipment
- types of food and food supplements and their role in rodent and rabbit 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 rabbit and a rodent
 - 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>