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Provide general care of common native  
mammals**

**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

## 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 habitat, activity cycle and general features and needs of two different species of common native mammals
- provided general care for a minimum of one native mammal, including:
  - demonstrated appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
  - evaluated appropriate housing to ensure the welfare of animals
  - prepared and provided food
  - assisted with health care needs
  - maintained feed and husbandry records for each 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:

- anatomical structures and physiological features used to identify and classify native mammals, including marsupials and monotremes
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for native mammals
- indicators of 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:
  - breeding season
  - species, breed, age and sex of the animals
  - activity cycles

- behaviour characteristics associated with different species:
  - feeding and foraging
  - social interaction
  - territorial behaviours
- 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 and basic overview of animal welfare assessment frameworks/models, including the Five Domains
- safe native mammal handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including use of personal protective equipment
- types and impacts of food in native mammal diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species, and appropriate plant recognition
- indicators of food quality, including nutritional value, freshness and shelf life, free from spoilage and pests
- types of information reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- key requirements of Commonwealth and state/territory legislation, licensing and codes of practice related to captured wildlife, biosecurity, health and safety and animal welfare.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - common live native mammal as required in the performance evidence
  - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care facility, including personal protective equipment
- specifications:
  - organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice
- relationships:
  - 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>