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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 specific characteristics and needs of domestic dogs for three different breeds covering two different life stages selected from puppy, adult, or senior
- provided general care for a minimum of two dogs of different breeds or different life stages, including for each:
 - demonstrated appropriate restraint and safe, low stress handling techniques
 - evaluated appropriate housing to ensure the welfare of the dogs
 - prepared and provided food
 - assisted with health care needs
 - maintained feed and husbandry records for each dog.

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 breeds of domestic dog
- overview of the Australian National Kennel Council breed standard guidelines
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for dogs
- housing and social needs of dogs and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- indicators of physical condition and signs of good health in dogs
- natural dog behaviour, including body language, vocal and other forms of communication
- normal behaviour patterns:
 - activity levels appropriate for age, including puppy socialisation
 - social behaviour towards conspecifics and other species, including humans

- inappropriate or undesirable behaviours:
 - destructive behaviour
 - excessive vocalisation
 - repetitive or stereotypic behaviour patterns
 - signs of anxiety, stress and fear
- dog enrichments, including:
 - food or food-related enrichment
 - physical enrichment items
 - activity options
 - social enrichment
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing, including zoonoses
- safe, low stress dog handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including personal protective equipment
- the principles of animal welfare and overview of animal welfare assessment frameworks/models, including the Five Domains
- types and impacts of food in dog diets
- 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 domestic dogs, biosecurity and quarantine, 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:
 - live domestic dogs of different breeds as required in the performance evidence
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care environment, 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>