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

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 cat breeds
- housing, social and activity needs of cats and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for cats
- natural cat behaviour
- behaviour characteristics that can vary according to the breed, age and sex of the animals
- normal behaviour patterns, including:
 - normal feeding, resting, eliminative behaviour
 - activity levels appropriate for age and breed
 - social behaviour towards conspecifics and other species, including humans

- inappropriate or undesirable behaviour, including:
 - changes to expected normal behaviour
 - excessive vocalisation
 - destructive behaviour
 - inappropriate elimination
 - signs of anxiety and distress
- indicators of physical condition and signs of good health in cats
- enrichment needs, including:
 - food or food-related enrichment
 - physical enrichment items
 - social enrichment
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing, including zoonoses
- use of personal protective equipment
- safe, low stress cat handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures
- the principles of animal welfare and basic overview of animal welfare assessment frameworks/models, including the Five Domains
- types and impacts of food in cat 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 cats, 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 cats specified 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>