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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 different placental mammals selected from three of the following groups:
 - carnivores
 - ungulates
 - primates
 - marine mammals
 - common, small exotic mammals
- provided general care for a minimum of two different placental mammals from two different species, including for each:
 - demonstrated appropriate techniques for safe interaction, restraint and/or handling
 - prepared and provided food
 - assisted with health care needs
 - maintained housing and enrichment needs
 - maintained feed and husbandry 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 placental mammals
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for mammals
- housing, social and activity needs of mammals, and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing

- indicators of physical condition and signs of good health in mammals
- natural mammal behaviour – species-specific
- characteristics that vary according to:
 - breeding season
 - species, breed, age and sex of the animals
 - time of day or night
- behaviour characteristics associated with different species:
 - activity levels at certain times of day or night
 - feeding or foraging
 - social interaction
 - feeding behaviours
- defensive and aggressive behaviour:
 - dominance gestures
 - submissive gestures
- enrichment needs of mammals, 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 and need for personal protective equipment
- safe, low stress mammal handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures
- the principles of animal welfare and basic overview of animal welfare assessment frameworks/models, including Five Domains
- types and impacts of food in mammal diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species
- 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 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:

- a range of live placental mammals as 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>