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**Release: 2**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.
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:

- prepared operating area appropriately on at least one occasion
- assisted with the preparation at least two different animals for surgery, including:
  - assisting with pre- and post-operative care for both animals
- cleaned operating area appropriately on a minimum of one occasion.

## 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:

- practice policies and procedures, including work health and safety requirements related to surgical preparation, clean-up and the care of pre- and post-operative animals
- risks involved with working with animals in surgery, including:
  - animal bites, kicks, scratches and crush injuries
  - biological hazardous waste and sharps disposal
  - handling of chemicals and medicines
  - anaesthetic gas leakage
  - intraoperative radiology
  - inhalation of aerosol particles
  - intraocular contamination
  - manual handling, including carrying, lifting and shifting
  - sharps injuries

- slippery or uneven work surfaces
- zoonosis
- general theatre etiquette, dress rules and 'no-go' areas related to surgery preparation assistant role
- practice protocols for the storage, use and disposal of chemicals and biological debris from veterinary surgical procedures
- techniques used to transfer patients for surgical procedures
- range of equipment and surgical packs required in both the preparation, recovery and theatre areas, including:
  - anaesthetic equipment
  - bandaging
  - disposables
  - drapes
  - surgical instruments
  - sutures
- instrument processing and sterilisation procedures according to relevant Australian Standards
- autoclave operation
- aseptic techniques
- factors affecting sterility
- veterinary terminology related to patient observations
- methods used to monitor a general range of vital signs of animals serviced at the nominated practice, including:
  - pulse rate and quality
  - respiration rate and effort
  - temperature
  - capillary refill time
  - mucous membrane colour
  - heart rate
- signs of pain that may be audible, visual or measured
- pain scoring systems
- post-surgical cleaning of animals
- post-surgical equipment storage requirements.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - in the workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a veterinary clinic
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - a range of real animals

- equipment and resources typically available in a veterinary hospital
- specifications:
  - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
  - interactions with a registered veterinarian or minimum of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse.

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>