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**Assessment Requirements for ACMVET409
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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.

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:

- provided specific animal care advice for at least two different species, and including advice on:
 - healthcare
 - reproduction
 - behaviour
- performed the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 240 hours of work in a veterinary practice.

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 related to providing advice
- animal husbandry requirements for the prevention and control of disease and illness
- types and sources of information available for treatments, medications and other animal services, including:
 - company representatives and advice service
 - industry associations
 - library resources
 - Medical Information Management System (MIMS) and other veterinary medication reference sources
 - product brochures and safety data sheets (SDS)
 - supervisor and other workplace staff
 - validated internet sites

- animal health advice
- animal husbandry
- breeding issues:
 - mating
 - desexing
 - care of newborn and orphan animals
 - oestrus cycle
 - whelping
- control of external and internal parasites
- training and socialisation:
 - vaccination schedules, including heartworm preventative systems
- common vaccinations
- factors influencing animal behaviour
- animal behaviour issues, including:
 - aggression
 - anxiety
 - barking
 - destructive behaviour
 - digging holes
 - feather picking (birds)
 - phobias
 - vocalisation
 - wind sucking
- behaviour modification techniques and equipment
- pet insurance and mortality policies
- work health and safety and animal welfare legislative regulations and requirements
- relevant Veterinary Surgeons' Act 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 practice
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of real, live animals with varying needs
 - equipment and resources typically available in a veterinary practice
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with real clients

- 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>