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AHCLSK309 Implement animal health control programs

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Modification History

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to implement animal health control programs.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes of practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Assess animal health status and treatment options	1.1 Source information on animal health program from the livestock production plan 1.2 Assess animal health status and identify potential health issues for different mobs and classes of livestock 1.3 Identify prevention and treatment strategies to resolve health

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	<p>issues</p> <p>1.4 Source information on parasite immunity to different classes of chemicals and plan for rotation of chemical groups</p>
2. Prepare for treatment of animals	<p>2.1 Identify animals affected by infection or parasites or requiring treatment under the animal health plan</p> <p>2.2 Determine the severity of infection where applicable through approved testing methods or by seeking expert/veterinary advice</p> <p>2.3 Determine the type and severity of infestation where applicable through faecal egg counts or other tests</p> <p>2.4 Determine the need for treatment and the type and scope of treatment and prepare according to manufacturer's specifications or veterinary advice</p> <p>2.5 Prepare equipment and materials and treatment site</p> <p>2.6 Identify hazards, assess risks and implement control measures</p> <p>2.7 Select and use personal protective equipment</p>
3. Treat animals	<p>3.1 Handle and restrain animals without causing harm or injury to animal or handler and in line with enterprise animal welfare policies</p> <p>3.2 Administer treatment hygienically and consistently according to manufacturer's specifications or veterinary advice</p> <p>3.3 Record withholding periods and other details of treatment</p> <p>3.4 Identify treated animals to ensure withholding period (WHP) compliance and isolation from non-treated animals where required</p> <p>3.5 Count animals out, prepare and move along a planned route without damage to person, property or environment</p>
4. Complete treatment process	<p>4.1 Monitor animal health and condition post-treatment and report abnormalities</p> <p>4.2 Identify the environmental implications associated with the treatment of animals, assess and control appropriately</p> <p>4.3 Clean equipment and worksite and dispose of waste, including animal residues</p> <p>4.4 Store health treatments appropriately</p> <p>4.5 Document relevant information</p> <p>4.6 Apply enterprise biosecurity policies where required</p>

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK309A Implement animal health control programs

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>