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AHCVPT203A Use firearms to humanely destroy animals

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of destroying animals humanely by shooting and defines the standard required to: confirm the details of animals to be shot; prepare and handle ammunition and weapons safely; ensure the shooting area is clear and notifications have been made where necessary; shoot the animal in a body site that causes instant death; handle or dispose of dead animals as required.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies to using firearms to humanely destroy animals and is usually conducted within established routines, methods and procedures.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Assess the scope of the shooting job	<p>1.1. Anatomy and physical features identifying location of vulnerable organs of target animal are confirmed.</p> <p>1.2. Location of habitats, habits and range of movement of target animal is confirmed.</p> <p>1.3. Timing of the shoot is determined based on the activity patterns of the target animal.</p> <p>1.4. Time required to complete the shoot is estimated.</p> <p>1.5. Hazards associated with the shoot are identified in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) standards.</p> <p>1.6. Environmental and public safety risks associated with the shoot are identified in accordance with statutory and local authority requirements.</p> <p>1.7. Vehicles, equipment and materials required to complete the shoot are prepared.</p>
2. Prepare for the shooting job	<p>2.1. Location and boundaries for the shoot are mapped in accordance with the animal management strategy and monitoring program.</p> <p>2.2. Time and duration of the shoot are checked and relevant personnel notified.</p> <p>2.3. Precautions to minimise hazards associated with the shoot are taken in accordance with OHS standards.</p> <p>2.4. Precautions to minimise environmental risks associated with the shoot are taken in accordance with statutory and local authority requirements.</p> <p>2.5. Vehicles, equipment and materials are checked for serviceability in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and relevant policies.</p> <p>2.6. Firearm licences or exemptions are obtained or checked in accordance with statutory requirements.</p> <p>2.7. Firearm and ammunition types are selected to comply with those recommended for the target animal in accordance with industry practice and animal ethics guidelines.</p> <p>2.8. Firearm and ammunition are checked and prepared in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice.</p> <p>2.9. Firearm is zeroed and test fired in accordance with industry practice.</p> <p>2.10. Firearm is stowed for transport unloaded and in safety mode.</p>

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3. Shoot animals	<p>3.1. Personal protective and safety equipment is used in accordance with OHS standards and statutory requirements.</p> <p>3.2. Firearm is carried safely with muzzle pointing in safe direction at all times in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice.</p> <p>3.3. Firearm is loaded, discharged and unloaded safely in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice.</p> <p>3.4. Firearm is aimed at vulnerable sites, head or heart, on the animal.</p> <p>3.5. Each target animal is killed using a minimum of shots.</p> <p>3.6. Each target animal is checked to ensure it is dead prior to selecting the next target animal where possible.</p> <p>3.7. Target animals that have not been killed cleanly are destroyed in a humane manner in accordance with animal welfare regulations and statutory requirements.</p> <p>3.8. Carcasses that are required for research or commercial use are handled as required in accordance with the animal management strategy and action plan.</p> <p>3.9. Animal carcasses that are not required for research or other purposes are disposed of as required in accordance with statutory requirements and industry practice.</p>
4. Clean and store equipment and material	<p>4.1. Carcasses for research or commercial use are cleaned and stored in accordance with relevant policies and procedures and industry practice.</p> <p>4.2. Equipment and materials are cleaned and stored in accordance with relevant standards and policies.</p> <p>4.3. Firearms are cleaned, maintained and stored in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and statutory requirements.</p> <p>4.4. Ammunition is stored in accordance with statutory requirements.</p> <p>4.5. Job completion is reported or recorded in accordance with relevant policies and procedures.</p>

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe operating procedures
- plan own work activities
- manage own time
- maintain and store weapons
- handle weapons
- use weapons to shoot accurately
- minimise animal trauma
- use literacy skills to follow sequenced written instructions and record information accurately and legibly
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification and seeking advice from supervisor
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to relate to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- OHS, environment, public risk and animal welfare legislative and enterprise requirements
- common law principles relating to property, stock, duty of care and due diligence
- risks to land users posed by animals including exotic diseases
- animal life cycles and behaviours
- anatomy and physical features of the animal
- firearms safety
- suitable firearms and ammunition for given pest problem
- emergency procedures appropriate to the firearms handling.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE	
The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.	
Overview of assessment	
Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit	<p>The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirm the details of animals to be shot • prepare and handle ammunition and weapons safely • ensure the shooting area is clear and notifications have been made where necessary • shoot the animal in a body site that causes instant death • handle or dispose of dead animals as required.
Context of and specific resources for assessment	Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Animals may include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all species determined to be pests of primary production, the environment or public health and lifestyle • those requiring destruction for humane reasons <p>Note: Appropriate firearms licences are required for those involved in training and assessment against this standard.</p>

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Vertebrate pests
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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