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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AMPv2.0	Initial release

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to use and manage working dogs in stock yards and holding paddocks.

This unit is applicable to stock handlers using working dogs in yards and holding paddocks on farms, at saleyards and at abattoirs. Activities undertaken may including mustering holding paddocks, drafting stock, loading and unloading stock and feeding a race.

This Unit is not applicable to the training of working dogs or the use of working dogs on open range pastoral operations.

All work should be carried out to comply with workplace and hygiene requirements.

This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision, exercise limited autonomy and have some accountability for their own work.

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

This unit must be delivered and assessed in the context of Australian meat processing standards and regulations.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

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. Prepare yards and dogs for work	1.1 Identify workplace health and safety hazards in stock yards 1.2 Identify hazards to the welfare of working dogs in stock yards 1.3 Routinely check yards for animal welfare hazards, assess risks, and implement suitable controls 1.4 Select, use and maintain suitable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). 1.5 Check dogs before and after work to ensure their condition and health are maintained 1.6 Identify and report unhealthy or injured dogs to foreman or manager
2. Muster and move livestock using working dogs	2.1 Identify and explain the relevant sections of applicable animal welfare standards and regulations 2.2 Use dogs suitable for the task for working livestock 2.3 Explain and demonstrate principles of low stress livestock handling 2.4 Follow workplace health and safety and workplace procedures for working with dogs and livestock 2.5 Check, muster and move livestock in holding pens, yards and laneways
3. Care for working dogs	3.1 Explain and follow workplace requirements for housing dogs 3.2 Explain workplace health and safety risks associated with working and handling dogs and follow workplace requirements 3.3 Explain and meet dietary requirements of working dogs 3.4 Clean and check kennels as a part of regular daily routines 3.5 Identify common working dog conditions

Foundation Skills

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

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

New unit -no equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -
<https://vetnet.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5e2e56b7-698f-4822-84bb-25adb8443a7>