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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

## Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit. There must be evidence that the individual has collected blood samples from at least three greyhounds or horses over two separate occasions, including for each:

- planned the blood collection process and checked and confirmed blood collection resources were ready and available
- implemented safety and security procedures for the blood sampling process according to protocols
- ensured witnesses were informed of process
- used safe animal handling techniques according to racing safety and animal welfare requirements
- collected blood samples from animals according to racing and laboratory protocols
- documented and provided information on swabbing procedure to relevant parties.

## 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:

- protocols and procedures for communicating with stewards, and licensed and other racing industry personnel relevant to swabbing and sample collection
- ethical conduct standards of relevant Principal Racing Authority
- racing industry safety requirements, including:
  - safe operating procedures for blood sampling
  - hazard identification and risk management
  - safe handling techniques for animals
- greyhound or horse behaviour and communication traits relevant to safety and sample collection
- laboratory and racing protocols and standard operating procedures for sample collection, including:

- security arrangements
- preparation for collecting samples
- safe operation of collecting equipment
- collection procedures
- chain of custody of sampling equipment, documentation and samples
- racing industry animal welfare requirements related to sample collection and handling techniques
- documentation and reporting requirements, including for irregularities in procedures and difficulties in obtaining samples.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - safe handling areas for collecting blood samples, such as racetracks and related swabbing facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - a range of greyhounds or standardbred or thoroughbred horses
  - materials and equipment relevant to assessing individual's ability to perform blood sample collection duties
- specifications:
  - work instructions and related documentation
  - safe operating procedures when sampling and handling sharps
- relationships (internal and/or external):
  - racing officials or other relevant people to report to.

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=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>