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ACMACR402 Assess and impound animals

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to seize, handle and transport animals in routine situations according to relevant legislative and organisational requirements in an animal control and regulation environment. It does not include the use of firearms, chemicals or drugs in the process of seizing an animal.

This unit applies to individuals who are required to assess and impound animals as part of undertaking animal control and regulatory functions. In addition to complying with legal and ethical responsibilities, individuals are required to minimise stress and discomfort for animals through gentle and calm handling and appropriate care.

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

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Animal Control and Regulation (ACR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Assess the situation	1.1 Assess situation to determine risk to self, bystanders, the public

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	and target animal 1.2 Maintain the safety of self, bystanders, the public and target animal 1.3 Assess the appropriate mode of transport and destination suitable to the animal's requirements 1.4 Identify and access legislation and organisation requirements relevant to the workplace activity
2. Seize animal	2.1 Select appropriate equipment, including personal protective equipment, for the seizure of the animal 2.2 Take appropriate action to reduce hazards and risks in seizing the animal 2.3 Use correct and humane animal handling techniques when seizing the animal 2.4 Follow safe work practices and WHS requirements when seizing the animal 2.5 Assess animal for injuries and health issues, and apply basic first aid to animal and/or self as required 2.6 Follow legislative and organisational policy and procedure requirements
3. Transport animal	3.1 Prepare and maintain restraints 3.2 Load and restrain animal humanely 3.3 Follow safe work practices and WHS requirements when transporting animal to destination 3.4 Remove animal from transport restraints and unload safely and correctly at destination 3.5 House and feed animal at destination 3.6 Accurately enter and store records into relevant organisational management system 3.7 Follow legislative and organisational policy and procedure requirements

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interprets and comprehends legislative and organisational documentation
Interact with others	Uses appropriate channels to communicate with stakeholders to seek or provide information
Get the work done	Plans and implements tasks according to set procedures, seeking clarification where required

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMACR402 Assess and impound animals	ACMACR402A Assess and impound animals	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that, on at least one occasion, the individual has:

- assessed the situation and developed an appropriate plan for the seizure and transport of the animal(s)
- handled and restrained animal(s) in a safe and humane manner
- minimised risks to animal(s), bystanders, the public and self
- loaded and transported the animal(s) safely
- housed and fed the animal(s) at the agreed destination
- used organisation management system to accurately enter and store records according to organisational and legislative requirements.

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:

- animal behaviour, temperament and body language for a wide range of animals
- methods, strategies and equipment to seize, restrain and transport animals safely and humanely
- the principles of animal welfare and ethics
- how to recognise animal stress and comfort
- key requirements of regulations about animal control and regulation as they affect assessing and impounding animals.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:

- skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions, including real animals
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - equipment and/or resources appropriate to work being undertaken in an animal care environment, including personal protective equipment
 - organisational management systems
- specifications:
 - relevant legislation and organisation documentation.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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