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ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals

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Modification History

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Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.
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 coordinate and implement a plan for the seizure of animals that may be aggressive, dangerous, injured or large.

The unit applies to individuals who work in animal care and management roles that require them to seize animals as part of their role.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Animal Control and Regulation (ACR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Assess the situation	1.1 Record details of the seizure situation 1.2 Assess situation to determine risks to self, bystanders, the public and target animal

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	1.3 Maintain the safety of self, bystanders, the public and target animal at all times 1.4 Follow workplace policies, industry standards and procedures and legislative requirements at all times 1.5 Select and use appropriate personal protective equipment 1.6 Determine seizure plan in consultation with colleagues and other relevant personnel
2. Coordinate the seizure plan	2.1 Request backup from appropriate personnel 2.2 Quarantine the area, if required, to minimise risk to self, assistants, the public and target animals 2.3 Request professional assistance and advice if required 2.4 Notify emergency services personnel and involve them if necessary 2.5 Implement workplace health and safety and emergency procedures relating to the seizure 2.6 Select, unpack and prepare appropriate equipment according to manufacturers' requirements 2.7 Ensure relevant licences and permits for the use of drugs and equipment are held by the user 2.8 Calculate and prepare drug doses for sedation and immobilisation under the direct supervision of a veterinarian
3. Capture animals	3.1 Give appropriate instructions to personnel assisting in the seizure 3.2 Use equipment legally, correctly and safely to capture animals in an ethical and humane manner 3.3 Secure, restrain, load and transport animals humanely 3.4 Unload and secure animals at holding destination 3.5 Dispose of deceased animals appropriately according to workplace policies and procedures and legislative requirements 3.6 Handle drugged animals appropriately, examine them for health and welfare problems and, if necessary, give recovery treatment
4. Complete post-seizure procedures	4.1 Clean, maintain and store equipment 4.2 Store any unused sedation and immobilisation drugs in an appropriate place

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	4.3 Notify owners of animals, if relevant, and take any further action required 4.4 Complete documentation about the incident and enter into relevant organisational management systems 4.5 Brief supervisor on incident according to workplace protocols 4.6 Review seizure and capture plan to ensure improved performance in the future

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
Get the work done	Make decisions about whether assistance is required for seizure of the animal, and coordinate available support
Numeracy	Estimate animal's body weight to calculate required drug dosage

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals Release 2	ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals Release 1	Minor changes to assessment requirements to reduce duplication of performance criteria in performance evidence, and clarify knowledge evidence	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals

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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 the individual has:

- coordinated and planned the seizure of:
 - one dangerous or aggressive animal
 - one large animal
 - one injured animal
- demonstrated the following for each of the three animal seizure incidents:
 - assessment of risks associated with the situation
 - the seizure plan, including animal capture method
 - post-seizure procedures.

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:

- common signs and body language of relaxed and distressed animals
- animal sensory perceptions and how senses can influence behaviour and reactions
- hazards related to animal behaviour, including butting, biting, kicking, crushing, impaling/goring
- methods, strategies and equipment to seize, restrain and transport animals safely and humanely
- handling methods for large animals, including recumbent animals
- principles of animal welfare and ethics, including animal welfare frameworks
- principles of animal health, hygiene, diseases and zoonoses

- importance of maintaining equipment
- requirements of relevant state or territory legislation covering the use of therapeutic and controlled substances
- the characteristics of specific restraint drugs, including their pharmacology, antidotes, dose rates, methods of administration and effects to both animals and humans in case of error
- the safe use of firearms, capture guns and anaesthetic agents
- the requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice relevant to seizure of 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 or seizure scenes – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - incident scene information involving dangerous, aggressive, large or injured animals to address the performance evidence requirements
 - organisational management system.

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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