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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 6.0.

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 assessed, trialled and documented at least four handlers' dog assistance equipment requirements with two different types of appropriate equipment.

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:

- relevant legislation/regulations as they relate to an assistance dog's public access
- animal welfare practices that are conducive to the animal's lifestyle as well as their mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing
- human disability or disorder that may require the employment of an assistance dog, including:
 - physical
 - sensory
 - mental health
 - neurological, including neurodegenerative
 - developmental
- relevant dog physiology and how to use/fit equipment humanely and safely according to the dog's physical attributes
- a dog's work/recreation mode to assist with appropriate use of equipment
- appropriate adaptations of equipment based on handler and dog's physical attributes and needs
- capabilities and limitations of assistance dogs
- equipment that may be used in assistance dog training, including:
 - collars, head halters and martingales

- leads and leashes
- balance harnesses
- working jackets, coats and identification vests
- modified grooming equipment
- toys
- treat pouches
- markers and clickers
- wheelchairs
- walking sticks
- personal protective equipment (PPE) for handler if required
- methods of desensitising and socialising equipment used for assistance dogs
- workplace documentation requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents assistance dog training workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - handler's medical/allied health professional referral
 - workplace recording and documentation system
 - equipment used in dog training as required for Performance Evidence
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - dog handler
 - dog.

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=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>