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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 and documented four prospective handlers' personal care support requirements, with a view to determining an assistance dog's suitability in meeting prospective handlers' needs, and prospective handlers' ability to care for and provide a good lifestyle for the dog:
 - across the four handlers, there must be at least three different personal care support requirements
 - one of the four handlers' personal care support requirements must include a prospective handler with declining or fluctuating functionality.

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:

- awareness of human disability or disorders that may require the employment of an assistance dog, including:
 - physical
 - sensory
 - mental health
 - neurological, including neurodegenerative
 - developmental
- factors that indicate that a prospective handler is able to care for an assistance dog, including:
 - being able to participate in the dog's training process
 - being able to independently train and care for an assistance dog
 - having a stable home with access to suitable rest

- ensuring prospective handler's carers, if relevant, can also care for the dog's welfare and lifestyle
- financial capability to provide the dog's basic veterinary needs, including desexing, grooming and preventatives
- understanding the principle of consent testing and the dog's readiness to work
- being able to ensure the dog's physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing
- being motivated for a long-term reciprocal relationship with a dog during its lifetime beyond the assistive tasks that it can provide
- previous animal experience
- satisfying minimum standards around police check, alcohol issues, history of violence and fence height
- methods of communicating effectively and sensitively to handlers
- relevant legislation/regulations as they relate to an assistance dog's public access
- pet insurance options
- dog breeds and breed types, and associated characteristics and temperaments that make them desirable as assistance dogs
- types of support that an assistance dog can provide
- capabilities and limitations of assistance dogs
- environmental risk assessment liaison requirements
- animal welfare practices as conceptualised in the five domains:
 - nutrition
 - environment
 - health
 - behaviour
 - mental state
- contingency planning for the care of an assistance dog in a temporary handler separation circumstance
- workplace care assessment documentation, including record-keeping and privacy 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
 - relevant dog training and animal welfare regulations
 - workplace recording and documentation system
- specifications:

- workplace policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - prospective handlers
 - prospective assistance dogs.

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>