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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 participated in a team responding to two different incident scenarios involving companion animals, taking on a different allocated rescue participation role based on the Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) in each scenario.

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:

- incident types involving rescue of companion animals, including:
 - floods
 - fires
 - earthquakes
 - extreme weather events
 - human-induced hazards
 - day-to-day incidents involving rescue of companion animals
 - occurrences that can be resolved by local resources
 - occurrences that are likely to entail inter/intra-state and possibly international resources for major incidents
- regulations and codes of practices:
 - safety and biosecurity guidelines
 - emergency and animal welfare regulatory requirements with exemptions if required
- participation role in incident action plan to relocate companion animals, including:
 - methods, resources and transport requirements
 - contingency plans
 - incident risk factors

- shelters
- requirement for communication with incident landowner/manager
- key features of incident management system, including:
 - chain of command, roles and communication
 - awareness of Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS)
 - basic principles of working in a team at an incident
 - incident risk factors to people and companion animals, and escalation processes
 - basic sequence and steps to follow in a companion animal incident
 - incident zones (hot, warm and cold) and personnel allowed in each
 - safe zones related to animals
 - briefing and debriefing the incident, including critical incident stress monitoring
 - self-care techniques
- factors affecting the movement of animals, including:
 - fitness to be moved or to travel
 - species-specific needs and behaviours
- safe working practices around companion animals
- empathetic communication techniques with companion animal owners
- techniques, equipment and risks associated with a range of incidents
- types of equipment and how to use, including:
 - equipment for safe rescue and transportation of companion animals
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
- identification and disposal methods and procedures for deceased animals
- companion animal containment requirements and design of holding areas and temporary shelter
- when to seek appropriate animal first aid and veterinary care according to action plan
- companion animal rescue workplace health and safety procedures
- methods used to identify animals (with the availability of a microchip reader), and record-keeping requirements
- animal feed, including specialised feed for special requirements of different species, animals at different stage of life, and recently whelped litters
- longer-term housing options for rescued companion animals
- animal welfare practices related to the rescue of companion animals.

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 a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions or an incident – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical
- resources, equipment and materials:

- regulations relating to incident planning
- animal welfare regulations
- personal protective equipment (PPE)
- animal mannequin/s, equipment and incident scenarios to address the performance evidence requirements
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - team members
 - companion animals
 - companion animal owners.

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>