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ACMAIM304 Transport injured large animals

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to load, unload and transport large animals that are injured or have specific needs.

The unit applies to individuals who are required to transport large animal casualties as a result of an incident. They have experience in animal handling and basic animal first aid.

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

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. However, a current driver's licence for the relevant vehicle is required.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Animal Incident Management (AIM)

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. Prepare to transport injured large animals	1.1 Respond to call for transport promptly and clarify information about the animal/s, nature of injury, authority or permissions, and transport requirements 1.2 Select equipment and aids to assist in loading and unloading large animal/s in collaboration with personnel with relevant experience 1.3 Pack gear and first aid items required to assist with injuries and

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	welfare of animal/s 1.4 Select and correctly fit personal protective equipment (PPE) and follow hygiene and biosecurity procedures 1.5 Locate vehicle in close proximity to injured animal/s according to scene requirements and to avoid further stimulation of the animal/s 1.6 Set up privacy screens to restrict public viewing at the scene
2. Assist with injured animals	2.1 Assess hazards and risks relating to transporting injured animal/s at incident scene, and take action to control 2.2 Work with incident controller and veterinarian to plan movement and loading of injured animal/s to transport vehicle 2.3 Follow instructions regarding restraint, care and welfare of the injured animal/s, including those with specific medical needs 2.4 Assist with providing first aid to reduce impact of injury, distress and pain in animal/s 2.5 Obtain necessary documentation and equipment to accompany the injured animal/s
3. Load, unload and transport animal casualties	3.1 Use safe handling techniques and equipment to load and unload animal/s to transport in collaboration with other personnel 3.2 Make adjustments to protect animal/s from further injury and to reduce stress when loading and unloading 3.3 Ensure driving techniques are safe and appropriate for the load, road conditions and severity of injury 3.4 Monitor behaviour where practical and record observations 3.5 Handle deceased animal/s appropriately in a dignified and safe manner
4. Complete post-transport arrangements	4.1 Report on the animal/s injury and condition status prior to, during (where appropriate) and after journey 4.2 Complete required documentation according to workplace and regulatory requirements 4.3 Clean, decontaminate, maintain and secure vehicle, equipment and facilities according to workplace procedures 4.4 Participate in incident debriefing

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
Oral communication	• Provide clear and concise information in a timely manner using accurate terminology • Listen attentively and ask questions to confirm or clarify information using appropriate terminology
Interact with others	• Work as an effective member of a team as well as independently
Navigate the world of work	• Recognise the purpose, main tasks, responsibilities and boundaries of own role
Get the work done	• Plan, organise and prioritise tasks to transport large animals • Anticipate animal behavioural responses and use problem-solving approaches to minimise hazards and risks

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMAIM304 Transport injured large animals	Not applicable	New unit	No 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 the individual has:

- loaded, unloaded and transported at least one injured large animal using a vehicle appropriate for species
- recorded observations and reported on one animal's injuries and condition status pre-transport and post-transport.

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:

- basic principles of incident management system
- basic animal welfare principles and assessment frameworks
- requirements regarding movement of injured animals, including:
 - state/territory regulations and codes of practice, including the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock
 - situations requiring veterinarian advice or treatments
 - alternative arrangements for animals unfit to be moved
 - animal owner permission, where applicable
- features of different vehicles used to transport animals (floats, trucks, ambulances), including:
 - size, capacity and design of stalls or boxes – partitions allowing multiple positions and separation of animals
 - loading/unloading – ramps and adjustable suspension
 - forward and rear exits
 - winching systems
- equipment and materials, including:

- mats or bedding for recumbent or injured animals
- blankets and protective items, including blindfolds
- compresses, bandages, gauze
- tack and gear
- feed and water
- privacy screens
- rescue glide for recumbent or injured animals
- requirements for animals with specific medical needs, including sedated or anaesthetised animals
- risks in transporting animal casualties, including:
 - animal behaviour, including distressed, unpredictable and herd behaviours
 - people – spectators/public, owner
 - zoonotic disease risk
 - overloading/unbalanced vehicle
 - wet, slippery flooring
 - poor road/site conditions
- ways to check animals during transport, including observation, closed-circuit television (CCTV), monitors
- basic first aid requirements, including:
 - protect wounds from contamination
 - manage bleeding, swelling
 - manage temperature, hyperthermia and hypothermia
- handling techniques, including:
 - safe zones
 - manual manipulation techniques and equipment
- handling deceased animals safely and with dignity
- briefing and debriefing activities, including operational and critical incident stress.

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 an incident scene – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - large animal mannequins, transport vehicle, equipment and incident scene scenarios to address the performance evidence requirements
- relationships:
 - team members.

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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