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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 prepared for the extrication of two different companion animal species and performed a rescue or extrication in three different incident scenarios.

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 the 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
- incident action plan for moving companion animals
- critical incident companion animal evacuation processes and emergency requirements
- key features of incident management, including:
 - allocating roles of team members
 - chain of command and communication
 - awareness of Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS)
 - modes of communication
 - basic principles of working in a team at an incident

- 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
- post-incident activities
- incident risk factors for people and companion animals, and potential for escalation
- 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
- requirement for communication with incident landowner/manager
- 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)
- suitable methods and equipment for moving animals, including:
 - basic animal anatomy and behaviour
 - handling and restraint methods and how to lift to avoid injuries
 - moving techniques
 - leading and walking
 - transport vehicle types
 - choice of route
- resources required to carry out the activity, including personnel
- disposal methods and procedures for deceased animals
- companion animal containment requirements of holding areas and temporary evacuation site, including:
 - fencing, ropes, cages
 - separation between species (prey or predator) to minimise stress and recovery
 - separation from human activities
 - improvised equipment
 - quarantine and biosecurity requirements
 - noise minimisation/control
- 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
- emergency and animal welfare regulatory requirements, with exemptions if required
- nutrition that satisfies species, life stage, physical/medical requirements and recently whelped litters

- longer-term housing options for rescued companion animals
- animal welfare practices related to companion animal rescue.

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
 - animal mannequin/s, equipment and incident scenarios to address the performance evidence requirements
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
- 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>