



Australian Government

ACMAIM312 Perform companion animal rescue

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to extricate companion animals during incidents.

The unit applies to individuals who work as responders in a team to participate in companion animal incident actions. They exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities responding to animal incidents in a rescue team environment and in applying animal handling and manipulation techniques.

All work must be carried out to comply with Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

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 for incident response	1.1 Assess incident situations and risks to people and companion animals, and discuss risk control strategies with team members 1.2 Determine appropriate techniques and equipment for incident type and welfare requirements of the animals, in consultation with others 1.3 Participate in team briefing about the incident plan, objectives and

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	team roles, including clarifying own role 1.4 Check workplace health and safety, biosecurity and risk requirements in relation to own role
2. Prepare for companion animals' extrication	2.1 Select and fit required personal protective equipment (PPE) 2.2 Organise support equipment and supplies as instructed 2.3 Locate, inspect and prepare manual and mechanical equipment required to extricate companion animal 2.4 Assist with set-up of temporary incident zones, planned release area for animal and identified escape routes 2.5 Establish roles and action depending on Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) 2.6 Cooperate and communicate clearly with team members to ensure safety of team and bystanders and to maintain animal welfare
3. Extricate companion animals	3.1 Observe and anticipate behavioural characteristics of companion animal species, and prepare appropriate handling methods and equipment 3.2 Approach companion animals safely and in a manner that minimises stress 3.3 Catch and contain companion animals using safe handling and low-stress basic restraint and controlling methods 3.4 Communicate with team and/or owners regarding processes to allow safe access and provision for first aid 3.5 Assess and monitor animal behaviour to ensure safety and animal welfare and maintain situational awareness at all stages
4. Transport companion animal	4.1 Assist with taking companion animals to safety in a transport vehicle if required 4.2 Assist with the transportation of companion animals to the planned location 4.3 Release companion animals in a planned enclosure to be treated or monitored during recovery phase
5. Communicate with owners of companion animals	5.1 Inform owners about whereabouts of their companion animals, if not already reunited 5.2 Provide owners with updates as appropriate 5.3 Inform owners about deceased companion animals if required, and

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	make suitable arrangements for the remains according to workplace and legislative requirements
6. Conclude actions	6.1 Recover, clean and store equipment according to workplace procedures and biosecurity requirements 6.2 Remove waste and debris according to workplace procedures 6.3 Participate in incident debrief with team 6.4 Complete required records or reports according to workplace procedures

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
Writing	Use accurate industry and emergency services or regulatory terminology when completing records
Oral communication	- Listen attentively and ask questions to confirm or clarify information using appropriate technical terminology - Use clear, precise language and tone appropriate for situation and audience to work collectively as an effective team member with a sense of responsibility and ownership of agreed plans, decisions and outcomes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMAIM312 Perform companion animal rescue	Not applicable	This unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing unit	Newly created

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>