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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 carry out an initial assessment, care for animals at an incident scene and assist a veterinarian during and after an incident.

The unit applies to individuals who have experience handling animals and have a role in supporting veterinarians in an incident involving animals. Incidents may involve individual animals or groups of animals and cover a range of incident types. Individuals have basic knowledge of animal first aid and animal incident management.

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.

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. Carry out initial assessment and care of	1.1 Conduct visual assessment of condition and behaviour of animal/s on arrival at incident scene

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animal/s	1.2 Participate in team briefing and provide information on the level of veterinary care and/or emergency response support required to relevant personnel 1.3 Arrange screening and animal transport, if required, in consultation with the incident controller 1.4 Monitor health and vital signs of animal/s, using safe handling techniques and safe zones, for protection of self, others and other animal/s 1.5 Provide animal care, including natural sedation techniques to reduce stress or stimulation, until veterinary support arrives
2. Assist veterinarian with care of animal/s	2.1 Facilitate physical containment or restraint of animal/s for veterinarian to triage and stabilise the animal/s 2.2 Assist the veterinarian with organisation of personal protective equipment, medical supplies and equipment, and communicating biosecurity risks and requirements to others 2.3 Support identification of animal/s record-keeping 2.4 Support veterinarian with triage and treatment of animal/s at the incident scene 2.5 Discuss chemical restraints with veterinarian, and assist with the physical restraint of animal/s according to veterinarian instructions
3. Carry out post-rescue care	3.1 Provide post-rescue care of animal/s, including assisting with moving animal/s to a safe location or veterinary clinic for further treatment 3.2 Assist with the recovery of animal/s following sedation or anaesthesia according to veterinarian instructions 3.3 Assist veterinarian during euthanasia of animal/s, if required 3.4 Organise removal and handle deceased animal/s with dignity 3.5 Contribute to team debrief and complete records according to workplace requirements

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 carefully to instructions and ask questions to clarify and confirm requirements

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMAIM313 Carry out casualty and post-rescue management of animals	ACMAIM305 Carry out casualty and post-rescue management of animals	Removed reference to 'large' animals in the Application, Element 2 and the Assessment Conditions to clarify that this unit is also relevant to companion animals Also deleted specific provisions for care that only apply to large animals from Knowledge Evidence	Equivalent

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

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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:

- provided a brief report on an initial assessment and care required for two animals of different species in different incidents
- provided animal care support and assistance in two animal 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:

- visual assessment and signs of animal condition and behaviour, including:
 - level of consciousness
 - external bleeding
 - wounds
 - swelling or inflammation
 - potential fractures
 - behaviour, body language and vocal sounds
 - loss of full control of bodily movements
 - abnormal body, head or limb presentation, including fractures
 - characteristics of discharge from any orifice
 - hypothermia or hyperthermia
- safe manual and animal handling techniques
- types and purpose of personal protective equipment for safety and hygiene
- basic principles of animal incident management and communication protocols
- types of care to provide before veterinary support arrives to reduce anxiety, including:
 - housing

- water and feed
- reduction of environmental stimulation
- companion animal care
- methods of physical and chemical restraint
- biosecurity risks at animal incident scenes
- zoonotic disease risk resulting from bites, scratches and contact with body fluids
- injuries from sharps
- overview of administration of sedation and anaesthesia used by veterinarians
- overview of euthanasia methods, including chemical overdose of anaesthetic agent, gunshot and penetrating captive bolt
- handling deceased animals with dignity
- team debriefing after an incident, including operational and critical incident stress
- procedures for record-keeping and identification of 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 scene – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - animal mannequin/s, 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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