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ACMAIM501 Develop a plan for the rescue of companion animals during major incidents

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Modification History

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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 develop a plan that relates to the rescue of companion animals during major incidents.

This unit applies to individuals who apply research and planning skills and knowledge to plan for companion animal emergency rescue activity. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of emergency planning activities. It applies to individuals who work autonomously and apply in-depth, technical skills and knowledge to provide and communicate solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems within their scope of professional practice.

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. Determine requirements for a	1.1 Consider the likelihood of various major incidents within the local area and conduct a risk assessment

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companion animal major incident rescue plan	1.2 Research existing local, state/territory and federal government incident rescue plans 1.3 Identify the features and facilities of the local area and how they impact upon major incident risks 1.4 Identify companion animal emergency requirements during major incidents 1.5 Research regulatory requirements that impact upon rescue operations, relocation issues and facility requirements 1.6 Identify workplace health and safety, animal welfare practices and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements relevant to an incident
2. Identify and liaise with appropriate community organisations	2.1 Identify community organisations to be involved in a rescue plan, and consolidate information on roles in an information database 2.2 Identify restrictions and barriers to effective liaison, and develop processes to promote communication with relevant emergency management stakeholders and companion animal owners in the local area 2.3 Consult with local, state/territory and federal government agencies and incident landowner/manager as required, to identify and clarify roles and responsibilities in the plan 2.4 Consult appropriate community stakeholders to discuss emergency processes and related budget requirements 2.5 Consult with identified community organisations to identify and determine roles and responsibilities in the plan
3. Identify roles for volunteers in a companion animal major incident rescue plan	3.1 Determine roles within the plan that have clearly defined responsibilities suitable to delegate to volunteers 3.2 Document volunteer roles, training requirements and self-care strategies according to workplace procedures 3.3 Establish training requirements for volunteers to understand the plan and perform their role

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4. Validate and document plan	4.1 Review findings and seek feedback from appropriate stakeholders on priorities, movement methods, potential site suitability, resource and regulatory requirements, Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) principles and incident escalation contingencies and adjust plan as required 4.2 Finalise, validate and document the plan for the rescue of companion animals during major incidents in an appropriate and accessible format

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
Reading	Gather, interpret and analyse a variety of textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information
Writing	Prepare strategic business documentation, incorporating vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMAIM501 Develop a plan for the rescue of companion animals	Not applicable	This unit has been created to address a skill or task required by industry that is not covered by an existing	Newly created

during major incidents		unit	
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Links

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

Assessment Requirements for ACMAIM501 Develop a plan for the rescue of companion animals during major incidents

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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 developed, validated and reviewed a plan for the rescue of companion animals for two different types of major incidents in one local area.

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:

- Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) principles
- communication systems in incident management
- major incidents involving the rescue of companion animals, including:
 - floods
 - fires
 - earthquakes
 - extreme weather events
 - human-induced hazards
 - occurrences that are likely to entail inter/intra-state and possibly international resources
- suitable facilities to house companion animals if emergency housing is required, including:
 - containment requirements of holding areas and temporary shelter, including moveable barriers, fencing, ropes, cages or enclosures, improvised equipment
 - quarantine and biosecurity requirements
- incident action processes for moving companion animals
- factors affecting the movement of animals, including injuries sustained and the possible need for first aid
- suitable methods and equipment for moving animals, including:

- cages, crates or enclosures
- handling and restraint methods
- moving techniques
- leading and walking
- transport vehicle types
- choice of route
- resources required to carry out the activity, including:
 - emergency equipment
 - emergency requirements – water, food, medication
 - personnel
- provision for appropriate veterinary care for rescued companion animals
- workplace health and safety procedures and principles relating to companion animal rescue, including:
 - manual handling of companion animals
 - using training equipment safely
 - risk and control strategies
- methods used to identify animals, and record-keeping requirements
- management of unowned animals or animals without an identifiable owner
- techniques for establishing animals in new location, and relevant requirements
- briefing and debriefing the incident, including operational and critical incident stress, companion animal evacuation processes and emergency requirements
- consolidation of information in a database or spreadsheet
- volunteer recruitment and training requirements
- local resources, facilities, suppliers and tradespeople
- workplace policies, protocols and procedures
- stakeholder consultation and participation methods
- local state/territory and national government regulations and codes of practice
- security arrangements:
 - procedures for animal shelter check-in
 - procedures for animal discharge to legal owners
- local networks and community organisations, including:
 - state or territory health departments
 - police and other emergency services
 - social security
 - government services
 - non-government organisations
 - service providers
 - community groups
 - incident landowner/manager
 - Animal Ready Community (ARC) contacts
- self-care strategies during an incident

- animal welfare practices
- project development, validation and review processes for companion animal rescue
- plan documentation requirements for 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 scene – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - regulations relating to major incident planning
 - animal welfare regulations
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures
- relationships:
 - community stakeholders, including companion animal owners
 - incident landowner/manager.

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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