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ACMARM402 Assess and impound animals

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to seize, handle, and transport animals in routine animal management regulatory situations. It does not include the use of firearms, chemicals or drugs in the process of seizing an animal.

This unit applies to authorised officers who are required to assess and safely and humanely impound animals as part of their animal management regulatory role. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities and demonstrate in-depth legislative knowledge; and develop and communicate solutions for a range of commonly encountered problems.

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

Some animal control functions administered by state/territory and local governments require licensing or authorisation. Legislative requirements vary across jurisdictions and users are advised to check with the relevant regulatory authority for current requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Animal Regulation and Management (ARM)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Assess the situation	1.1 Assess situation to determine risk to self, the public and target and

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	other animals 1.2 Identify animal behaviours indicating increased risk of an adverse reaction to capture and handling 1.3 Identify legislative and workplace requirements relevant to the animal regulation and management activity 1.4 Identify strategies to minimise risks and maintain the safety of self, bystanders, the public and target and other animals 1.5 Determine appropriate low stress methods, equipment and containment options for seizing target animal 1.6 Select the appropriate mode of transport and destination suitable to the animal's requirements
2. Seize animal	2.1 Select and fit appropriate personal protective equipment, for the seizure of the animal 2.2 Select appropriate equipment and use safely to restrain the animal 2.3 Take appropriate action to reduce hazards and risks in seizing the animal 2.4 Use safe, species-specific handling techniques to minimise stress when seizing the animal 2.5 Follow safe work practices and legislative and workplace requirements when seizing the animal 2.6 Assess animal for injuries and health issues, and apply basic first aid to animal as required 2.7 Apply basic changes to containment or behavioural husbandry to address behavioural signs of distress 2.8 Check animal for ownership identification features
3. Transport animal	3.1 Ensure vehicle and transport arrangements comply with hygiene and infectious disease control and safe transportation requirements according to regulatory guidelines 3.2 Prepare and maintain equipment to secure or restrain animal 3.3 Load and secure/restrain animal safely using techniques to minimise stress 3.4 Follow work health and safety and animal welfare requirements when transporting animal to destination 3.5 Remove animal from transport restraints and unload safely and

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	correctly at destination 3.6 House animal appropriately at destination according to workplace procedures 3.7 Enter and store information about animal into relevant management system according to legislative and 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
Reading	Interpret legislative and workplace documentation
Writing	Record information accurately using appropriate media and industry terminology
Oral communication	Use appropriate language and tone to communicate with stakeholders to seek or provide information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMARM402 Assess and impound animals	ACMACR402 Assess and impound animals	Performance criteria and assessment requirements updated for clarity	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMARM402 Assess and impound animals

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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 seized and impounded at least two animals of different species, including:

- assessed the situation and minimised the risk to the animals, bystanders and self
- accurately identified animal behaviours indicating potential increased risk of an adverse reaction to capture and handling
- demonstrated use of species-specific low-stress and defensive handling and restraint techniques
- selected and applied personal protective equipment
- checked the animal for ownership identification
- conducted a basic physical and behavioural health check, and recorded information
- loaded and transported each animal safely
- housed each animal at the agreed destination
- maintained accurate records for each animal, including sex and approximate age of animal, in workplace management system.

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:

- animal behaviour and body language for at least two companion animal species and two livestock species, including indicators of stress and fear
- low-stress handling techniques and defensive handling of aggressive or distressed animals of various species
- species-specific methods, strategies and equipment to seize, secure/restrain and transport companion animals and common livestock safely
- common indicators of disease and injury in animal species to facilitate health check, including zoonotic disease and infection control

- environmental conditions, including weather and temperature, that impact on animal welfare during transportation
- types of animal ownership identification, including:
 - microchips and scanning process
 - registration tags
 - tattoos or branding
- strategies for communicating with animal owners/carers and bystanders
- workplace record-keeping requirements and overview of types of data collected
- methods of assessing welfare of animal species during containment and transportation
- state/territory and local government animal management and regulatory requirements relevant to seizing, impounding and transporting animals.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals specified in the performance evidence
 - equipment and resources for handling, seizing, restraining and transporting animals specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment
 - workplace record-keeping/information management systems
- specifications:
 - relevant legislation and workplace documentation.

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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