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Assessment Requirements for ACMARM405 Assist with the euthanasia of animals

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Modification History

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

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 assisted with the euthanasia of at least 3 live animals (in species commonly encountered), under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or authorised/licensed person, including:

- applied correct animal identification, handling and restraint techniques
- confirmed suitable method of euthanasia according to the size and number of animals and legislative constraints
- selected and correctly used equipment used for euthanasia, including personal protective equipment
- maintained high standards of hygiene, biosecurity and infection control, on each occasion, to reduce the risk of infection and cross-infection
- disposed of biological waste and deceased animal (not required for research or post-mortem purposes) according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements.

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:

- requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice relevant to euthanasia in animal management and regulatory environments
- meaning of euthanasia and humane killing
- suitability of different methods of euthanasia for a range of species
- equipment and drugs commonly used for euthanasia, including:
 - personal protective equipment
 - restraint equipment for different species
- injection methods and techniques used in chemical euthanasia

- methods and types of equipment and materials used in euthanasia, including captive bolt, firearms and lethal injections
- basic anatomy and physiology of animals commonly euthanised, including:
 - location and routes of administration for lethal injections
 - aiming points for firearms and captive bolts
 - life signs and indicators of death
- handling deceased animals with dignity
- workplace procedures and legislative requirements relating to disposal of biological waste, biosecurity, infection control and hygiene standards
- psychological health and safety hazards relating to euthanasia, and coping strategies for dealing with distress and grief in the workplace
- principles of animal welfare and ethics related to euthanasia.

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 identified according to workplace procedures as requiring euthanasia as specified in the performance evidence
 - personal protective and safety equipment
 - workplace record-keeping/information management system
- specifications:
 - relevant state or territory legislation
 - animal welfare codes of practice relating to euthanasia of animals
- relationships:
 - a veterinarian or authorised/licensed person to supervise euthanasia as specified in the performance evidence.

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>