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ACMARM408 Coordinate seizure of 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 coordinate and implement a plan for the seizure of animals, including animals that may be aggressive, dangerous, injured, fragile, small or large.

The unit applies to authorised officers who are required to seize animals as part of their role. They work autonomously and apply specialist knowledge and skills to provide solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety 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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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Assess the situation	1.1 Record grounds and details of the seizure situation according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements 1.2 Assess situation to determine risks to self, other people and target

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	animal 1.3 Determine requirements to maintain the safety of self, other people and target animal at all times 1.4 Determine seizure plan in consultation with colleagues and other relevant personnel
2. Coordinate the seizure plan	2.1 Request backup or professional assistance and advice from appropriate personnel if required 2.2 Quarantine and cordon the area, if required, to minimise risk to self, other people, and target animals 2.3 Notify emergency services personnel and involve them if necessary 2.4 Implement workplace health and safety and emergency procedures relating to the seizure 2.5 Select, prepare and use appropriate personal protective equipment and equipment required for seizure, according to manufacturer requirements 2.6 Assist veterinarian or authorised personnel with chemical restraints if requested and if required for the situation
3. Capture animals according to workplace requirements	3.1 Give appropriate instructions to personnel assisting in the seizure 3.2 Use equipment legally, correctly and safely to capture animals in an ethical, low stress and humane manner 3.3 Secure, restrain and contain animal humanely according to workplace requirements 3.4 Gather and record evidence relating to the incident according to workplace requirements 3.5 Load and relocate animals humanely according to workplace requirements 3.6 Unload and secure animals at holding destination 3.7 Handle animals appropriately, examine for health and welfare problems, and monitor sedated animals during recovery where required 3.8 Dispose of deceased animals appropriately, if required, according to workplace policies and procedures, owner's request and legislative requirements

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4. Complete post-seizure procedures	4.1 Clean, maintain and store equipment 4.2 Notify owners of animals, if relevant, and take any further action required 4.3 Document and report the incident, and health and safety matters, according to workplace management systems and protocols 4.4 Review seizure and capture plan to ensure improved performance in the future

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	Give clear and succinct instructions using appropriate tone and terminology for situation and audience
Numeracy	Estimate animal body weight to calculate capture and restraint requirements

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMARM408 Coordinate seizure of animals	ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals	Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMARM408 Coordinate seizure of 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:

- coordinated, planned and implemented the seizure of two different animals, selected from:
 - one dangerous or aggressive animal
 - one large animal
 - one injured or small or fragile animal
- completed the following for each of the two animal seizure incidents:
 - assessment of risks associated with the situation
 - the seizure plan, including animal capture method
 - post-seizure procedures.

One of the animal seizures must involve assistance from at least one other worker.

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:

- common signs and body language of relaxed and distressed animals
- animal sensory perceptions and how senses can influence behaviour and reactions
- hazards related to animal behaviour, including butting, biting, kicking, crushing, impaling/goring
- methods, strategies and equipment to seize, restrain and transport animals safely, including low stress and defensive handling techniques
- handling methods for large animals, including livestock and recumbent animals
- handling techniques for injured, small and fragile animals
- principles of animal welfare and ethics, including animal welfare frameworks
- principles of animal health, hygiene, diseases and zoonoses, and biosecurity
- importance of maintaining equipment

- requirements of relevant state or territory legislation covering the use of therapeutic and controlled substances
- awareness of relevant regulatory requirements for use of firearms, capture guns and chemical agents used for sedation or anaesthesia
- the requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice relevant to seizure of 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. Note – evidence to meet the performance criteria related to the capture, handling and transporting of animals may be covered by a simulation where there are safety and/or animal welfare concerns
 - workplace procedures, facilities and equipment required to plan, capture and handle the animals specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment
 - workplace record-keeping/information management system related to the seizure of animals.
- relationships:
 - other worker/s 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.

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