



Australian Government

ACMBEH401 Develop, monitor and review behavioural husbandry strategies

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 develop, monitor and review behavioural management strategies, including animal training and enrichment activities. It incorporates implementing short-term and long-term objectives requiring the involvement and cooperation of a range of staff within the facility.

This unit applies to senior team members with zoo keeping, wildlife care, aquarium or related animal care experience who generally supervise others and provide and communicate solutions to a range of predictable and unpredictable problems. Tasks may vary in scale from individual animal welfare to social group management, working across a range of programs and/or animal groups in the facility.

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.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Behaviour and Training (BEH)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Analyse animal data profiles	1.1 Analyse and collate animal behaviour data 1.2 Create individual animal profiles and compare against known normal behaviour patterns in captivity and in the wild
2. Develop behavioural husbandry strategies	2.1 Conduct research and consult others to determine appropriate strategies for particular animals 2.2 Identify and develop strategies for behavioural husbandry incorporating animal welfare and safety considerations 2.3 Finalise strategies and seek approval according to facility policies and procedures
3. Monitor and review strategies	3.1 Disseminate strategies to relevant staff, and implement action plans 3.2 Review short-term and long-term objectives on a regular basis according to facility policies and procedures
4. Communicate effectively with others on behavioural husbandry strategies	4.1 Contribute to animal behavioural husbandry policy 4.2 Assist with keeper or carer training in behavioural husbandry, animal training and enrichment programs 4.3 Maintain coordination of projects and communication with internal and external personnel 4.4 Prepare and present reports to supervisor according to facility policies and procedures 4.5 Update animal husbandry manuals according to facility policies and 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
Writing	Plan and develop reports using industry accepted terminology to describe animal behavioural signs and symptoms
Oral communication	Communicate information clearly, and interact effectively with

Skill	Description
	colleagues

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMBEH401 Develop, monitor and review behavioural husbandry strategies	ACMCAN404 Develop, monitor and review behavioural management strategies	Changed title Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity Assessment Requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>