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Modification History

Release	Comments
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:

- developed and documented a short-term (daily or weekly) and a longer-term (monthly, seasonally or yearly) behavioural and environmental enrichment program, for two of the following categories:
 - two different species or breed groups
 - two individual animals with behaviour requiring attention
 - two individual animals with special requirements relating to life cycle stage
- prepared a costing for each of the enrichment programs above
- implemented, monitored, reviewed and documented one short-term and one longer-term enrichment program
- communicated enrichment strategies and provided training and supervision for at least two carers.

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:

- natural animal behaviour relating to the characteristics of the species and/or breed group, age, health status and social needs
- normal and atypical behaviour patterns and traits of commonly held animals, including behavioural signs and development measures in young animals
- types and purpose of behavioural and environmental enrichment strategies, including:
 - infrastructure and manipulative enrichment – positive interactions with the environment
 - olfactory (smell) enrichment
 - gustatory (taste) enrichment

- exploratory enrichment – changes within the environment
- species-specific behaviours requiring attention, including:
 - exaggerated forms of a normal behaviour
 - repetitive actions or stereotypies
 - indicators of wellbeing and stress in animals
 - indicators of avoidance, displacement, aggression
 - species compatibility
 - common indicators of compromised health, disease, injury or distress
- housing, exercise, social and activity needs of animals
- animal husbandry regimes and relationship to enrichment programs
- features of low stress environments relevant to species
- animal safety issues relating to objects and/or structures used for enrichment purposes
- costs of items and infrastructure used in enrichment program
- organisational procedures and systems relevant to own work responsibilities, including workplace health and safety practices
- principles of animal welfare and ethics, and relevant animal welfare legislative requirements, including safe, low stress and humane animal handling techniques.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care facility or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals as specified in the performance evidence
 - housing for animals
 - resources to implement enrichment strategies
- relationships:
 - carers (team members or animal owners).

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>