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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:

- researched training strategies to achieve at least four desirable behaviours or specific training outcomes
- documented a training program, comprising at least four classes of 30–60-minute duration, to address client group needs
- conducted at least two group training programs with animals of different life stages or different species – each program must have at least four classes (with at least four animals in each class), covering:
 - training new exercises
 - revising previously trained exercises
- provided clear instructions to clients and responded to queries or requests for assistance
- monitored and interpreted the behaviour and interactions of animals and owners to ensure a safe training environment
- provided feedback on progress and individual assistance to participants and animals using effective communication techniques
- reviewed and updated at least one training program based on participant feedback and personal observations.

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:

- range of common breeds or species relevant to workplace, and characteristics of their stages of development, health requirements and social needs
- types of species and activities covered in group training classes
- breed or species-specific behaviour, including:

- normal, healthy behaviour
- how to recognise body language and determine the likely emotional state
- how to recognise signs of stress and its effect on behaviour and management
- signs of undesirable or maladaptive behaviours
- animal enrichment requirements
- basic animal anatomy, physiology and exercise requirements related to animal's life-stage and physical ability
- key concepts of animal learning theory, training and conditioning, including:
 - associative learning – operant and classical conditioning
 - non-associative learning – habituation and sensitisation
 - primary and secondary reinforcers
 - schedules of reinforcement
 - desensitisation and counter conditioning
- positive reinforcement conditioning techniques and tools, including:
 - luring
 - targeting
 - capturing and shaping (prompted and free)
- key features, benefits and limitation of guidelines for animal trainers, including:
 - Least Intrusive Effective Behaviour Intervention (LIEBI model)
 - Least Intrusive, Minimally Aversive (LIMA) training
 - Hierarchy of Procedures for Humane and Effective Practice
- strategies to promote or advertise classes
- criteria for suitable and safe physical training environments and/or venues
- methods for obtaining client and animal information
- formats for training programs and class or lesson plans
- techniques for delivering information to groups
- types, purpose and safe use of species-specific reinforcers
- safe, low stress animal handling and humane restraint techniques and procedures.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal training workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals as specified in the performance evidence
 - species-specific equipment and resources that reflect the animal training classes specified in the performance evidence
- relationships:

- clients.

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>