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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

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 worked effectively in the companion animal industry, over a period of one day, including:

- organised, prioritised and completed work tasks in a timely manner
- identified and handled animals in an ethical and humane manner
- complied with relevant legislation, regulations and codes of practice, including animal welfare and WHS
- communicated effectively with supervisor and followed task instructions to complete daily work activities
- built relationships and communicated effectively with clients
- gathered, documented, maintained and recorded companion animal records using organisational recordkeeping systems.

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:

- principles and practices for working effectively in the companion animal industry
- communication procedures, systems and technology relevant to own work
- animal ethics and welfare
- safe animal handling techniques
- organisational recordkeeping systems
- safe work practices and WHS requirements, including:
 - applying appropriate manual handling techniques when packaging and handling loads, including animals and equipment
 - hazard identification and risk minimisation:
 - using infection control procedures to minimise risks

- using machinery and equipment according to manufacturers' instructions
- using personal protective equipment and clothing
- legislative requirements for working with animals, including:
 - Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council codes of practice
 - relevant companion animal legislation
 - local council regulations
 - microchipping
 - animal welfare legislation
 - National Parks and Wildlife Service legislation.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of animals
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work with companion animals
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures
 - current WHS legislation and regulations and animal welfare legislation and regulations
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with supervisor.

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.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>