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ACMCAS304 Capture, handle and transport companion animals

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to capture, handle and transport companion animals.

This unit applies to individuals working in the companion animal industry sector where it is necessary to transport companion animals. This includes transportation to and from pet shops, boarding kennels and catteries, companion animal training, groomer and breeding establishments, mobile animal facilities, stables, client residences or veterinary practices. This unit applies to individuals who take responsibility for their own work and for the quality of the work of others. They use discretion and judgement in the selection, allocation and use of available resources.

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

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Companion Animal Sector (CAS)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Plan the capture and	1.1 Identify animals and assess risks according to WHS and work

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restraint of companion animals	place policies and procedures 1.2 Select appropriate capture techniques and equipment and prepare equipment for use 1.3 Prepare transport housing and ensure high standards of hygiene and infection control according to WHS and workplace policies and procedures
2. Capture animals	2.1 Capture animals in a safe and humane manner and according to WHS and animal welfare policies and procedures 2.2 Handle animals correctly and monitor carefully for stress or injury 2.3 Place animals in transport housing and secure housing correctly
3. Prepare animals for movement	3.1 Provide advice to client on appropriate transport and relocation procedures 3.2 Complete documentation according to workplace procedures/practices

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
Reading	- Collect and interpret information about products such as disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment - Refer to policies and procedures for information
Writing	Maintain accurate workplace records

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

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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 safely and humanely captured and transported at least three companion animals, including:

- prepared correct type of transport container
- maintained high standards of hygiene and infection control
- used safe and environmentally responsible organisational systems and procedures when working with and handling companion animals
- maintained records and documentation.

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:

- the principles and practices of the capture, handling and transport of companion animals
- appropriate relocation procedures for a range of animals
- behaviour and physiology of typical companion animals
- dietary requirements before, during and after transport
- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- animal welfare and ethics
- relevant WHS and animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice, including environmental regulations
- safe and humane animal capture, handling and restraint techniques and procedures
- species compatibility
- standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry
- transport housing requirements
- industry hygiene standards.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions for the capture, handling and transport of companion animals
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live companion animals
 - equipment and resources for the capture, handling and transport of companion animals
 - personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures
 - current WHS and animal welfare legislation and regulations.

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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