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ACMCAS405 Purchase companion animal livestock

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to purchase companion animal livestock for companion animal organisations and on behalf of clients.

This unit applies to individuals working in the animal care industry where it may be necessary to purchase a range of companion animal livestock for companion animal organisations, such as pet shops, or to fulfil specific client orders. Those individuals analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities and demonstrate deep knowledge in a specific technical area. They have accountability for the work of others and analyse, design and communicate solutions to a range of complex problems.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Companion Animal Sector (CAS)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Locate companion animal livestock purchase opportunities	1.1 Research and evaluate trends in purchase patterns for companion animals 1.2 Research and review agents and sellers of companion animal livestock to determine appropriate sources 1.3 Evaluate and monitor sales histories for companion animal

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	livestock species or breeds 1.4 Assess relevant legislative requirements in relation to species and breeds 1.5 Identify appropriate purchases from reliable sources, and initiate pre-purchase investigations
2. Inspect livestock condition	2.1 Check health and condition status of livestock using accepted industry standard methods 2.2 Obtain and verify records and documents related to livestock histories 2.3 Consult government agencies, industry bodies and veterinarians as required 2.4 Arrange livestock purchases of suitable stock
3. Manage documentation and livestock procurement	3.1 Meet licensing requirements for non-exempt native species as required 3.2 Identify and utilise special transportation needs of livestock 3.3 Complete purchase details of livestock 3.4 Complete organisation's purchasing records

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	Check on breed characteristics and health issues
Navigate the world of work	All work is carried out to comply with workplace procedures

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMCAS405 Purchase companion animal livestock	ACMCAS405A Purchase companion animal livestock	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMCAS405 Purchase companion animal livestock

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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 purchased companion animal livestock, at least three times, including:

- evaluated livestock suppliers
- identified, and complied with housing, transport and quarantine requirements for the purchased companion animal livestock
- maintained high standards of hygiene and infection control
- performed health and condition checks on potential purchases.

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:

- anatomical and physiological structures and functions related to livestock assessment requirements
- common diseases, ailments, injuries and other impacts on animal health and wellbeing
- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- housing and transportation requirements for a range of companion animal species and breeds
- legislative and regulatory compliance requirements, including relevant industry codes of practice, companion animal legislation, local council regulations, microchipping, animal welfare legislation and wildlife regulations
- normal and abnormal behaviour patterns and traits of a range of species
- principles of animal welfare and ethics
- safe animal handling techniques
- safe work practices

- standards, guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability relevant to the animal care industry.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents industry conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - companion animal livestock.

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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