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ACMCAS406 Manage companion animal breeding

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to plan for and monitor companion animal mating and breeding programs and evaluating outcomes.

This unit applies to individuals working as senior supervisors or managers in a companion animal facility where animal breeding is conducted. These 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.

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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	1.2 Identify and obtain resources to support breeding requirements 1.3 Select breeding options to optimise results and consistency 1.4 Formulate breeding programs to meet organisation objectives 1.5 Develop organisational procedures for breeding according to legislative requirements, industry standards, animal welfare and safe workplace and environmentally responsible practices
2. Select animals for breeding	2.1 Select animals for mating according to the requirements of the breeding program, animal welfare regulations and ethical practice principles 2.2 Schedule examinations and tests as required to confirm suitability of selected animals for breeding program 2.3 Select and apply appropriate breeding systems according to the requirements of the breeding program 2.4 Apply appropriate mating methods according to the breeding program
3. Monitor breeding programs	3.1 Communicate breeding program strategies and procedures to staff and provide training as necessary 3.2 Identify potential risks to animals during breeding, birth and early life 3.3 Evaluate the options for managing risks according to WHS, and make preparations in case of emergencies 3.4 Monitor implementation of breeding programs for efficiency and effectiveness according to the requirements of the breeding program 3.5 Prioritise and implement changes necessary to achieve breeding aims
4. Evaluate breeding programs	4.1 Review and evaluate breeding program processes and outcomes against the organisation's objectives, and update breeding plans as required 4.2 Assess and update criteria used to select animals for breeding to meet the requirements of the breeding programs 4.3 Maintain breeding records according to industry standards and breeding program requirements

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
Oral communication	Explain breeding strategies and procedures to staff
Get the work done	Carry out breeding risk analysis, problem solving and planning requirements

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMCAS406 Manage companion animal breeding	ACMCAS406A Manage companion animal breeding	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

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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 managed a breeding program for at least one companion animal species, including:

- identified, developed and implemented breeding program aims
- selected suitable animals for breeding programs
- established appropriate mating systems and methods
- monitored breeding activities and evaluated program outcomes
- identified potential risks to animals in breeding, birth and early life procedures and planned for emergencies
- maintained breeding program records.

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 the reproduction, care and wellbeing of commonly held animals
- breeding program systems, methods and traits related to commonly held animals
- communication procedures and systems, and technology relevant to the organisation and own work responsibilities
- companion animal health and breeding processes and events using industry terminology
- diseases and ailments of breeding and young animals
- disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- normal and abnormal animal behaviour relating to the characteristics of the species, age, health status and social needs
- relevant organisational policies and procedures, including WHS and emergency procedures and animal welfare requirements

- protocols, legal and ethical considerations in providing care and treatment of breeding animals and their offspring
- relevant legislative and regulatory compliance requirements, including relevant industry codes of practice, companion animal legislation, local council.

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
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live companion animals for breeding programs
 - suitable housing and other equipment to support breeding programs.

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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