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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 the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has introduced at least two compliant and manageable horses to lunging, including:

- identifying risks associated with lunging horses
- selecting, fitting and introducing lunging gear to horses
- controlling and positioning the horse during walk, trot and canter:
 - in both directions whilst safely adjusting lunge lead and whip position
 - using lunge whip and handler body position to encourage inexperienced horses to start, stop and follow the track during lunge exercise
 - using voice to control tempo and speed of inexperienced horses during lunging exercise
 - selecting and performing lunging techniques that encourage inexperienced horses to maintain speed, tempo, gait and position on the track
- effectively communicating with supervisor, including raising issues of concern related to lunge exercise
- monitoring basic horse health and welfare during lunge exercise and reporting abnormalities to supervisor
- applying correct care of horse and equipment after lunging.

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:

- safe horse handling techniques, zones and positioning techniques to encourage inexperienced horses to lunge
- types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for lunge exercise
- features of a safe work area to lunge horses

- techniques for introducing inexperienced horses to lungeing
- horse learning theory that can be applied to lungeing activities
- purpose and reasons for lungeing horses
- types, purpose, correct fit and use of horse lungeing gear
- common horse behaviour, social traits, vices and responses related to lungeing horses
- potential hazards and risks associated with lungeing horses:
 - horse behaviour
 - other horses in vicinity
 - handler skills and techniques
 - surface variations
 - area not fenced or confined
- symptoms and signs of illness and injury during and after lungeing
- styles of lunge exercise and exercise routines
- types of working gear required for lungeing horses
- types of injury that may be sustained during lunge exercise
- animal welfare practices in relation to lunge exercise.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace fenced arena or round yard, or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various compliant and manageable horses (inexperienced in lungeing) assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and lungeing activities
 - PPE, correctly fitted and applicable to lungeing exercise, for the individual.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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>