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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 in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual determined the nutritional needs relevant to horse health care for at least three horses with different nutritional needs, including:

- determining condition score of horses and classifying horses according to a range of criteria
- referring owners or carers to veterinarian for specific dietary advice
- using safe and ethical horse handling techniques when handling horses and assessing health care
- making adjustments to individual horse feeding regimes in response to changing conditions and/or signs of problem eating displayed by individual horses
- recording and reporting information on horse nutritional requirements.

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:

- key principles of horse nutrition and horse health
- anatomical and physiological structures:
 - features, location and functions related to dietary needs
 - basic process of absorption and metabolism of nutrients
- basic anatomical terminology
- methods used to assess horse condition and general health
- criteria and methods of classifying horses by condition, health, age and housing status
- impact of class, age, workload and housing on diet and nutritional demands of horses
- factors affecting availability of nutrients to horses
- consequences of an unbalanced or nutrient deficient diet to horse function, health and behaviour

- signs and symptoms of an unbalanced or deficient diet in horses
- feed stuffs commonly fed to horses and the general principles of a balanced diet for horses
- use of supplements, additives and prohibited substances
- types of feed contamination, including from rodents, and methods of avoidance
- relevant regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures for determining nutritional needs in the provision of health care, including:
 - work health and safety and safe work practices
 - animal welfare principles, practices and ethics
 - workplace hygiene (biosecurity) standards.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - horses with different nutritional requirements
 - information about nutritional properties of horse feed stuffs or technology to access the information.

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>