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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 5.0.

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 clipped at least four horses, and worked with at least two clients, within industry accepted timeframes, including:

- performed a full body clip, including legs, head and ears on one horse
- performed two partial clips on two different horses selected from:
 - Hunter clip – all hair removed except for legs and with or without saddle pad
 - Blanket clip – hair left on legs and back (exercise sheet)
 - Trace or Chaser clip – hair left on back, head and legs
 - Irish clip – remove hair from areas around neck and armpits – where horse sweats
 - Bib or Strip clip – remove small amount of hair from front of neck and chest
- performed an artistic clip on one horse
- demonstrated safe, low stress horse handling techniques with each horse.

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:

- health and safety hazards and controls when working in close proximity with horses, including:
 - risks to horses, self and others, and how these are controlled
 - unpredictable behaviour of horses
 - use of safe, low stress handling techniques
 - electrical hazards relating to cables and water
 - reasons for removal of feed and water
 - selection and use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - hygiene and infection control

- zoonotic and infectious diseases, including those caused by bacteria, fungi, parasites and viruses
- responsibilities under relevant health and safety and animal welfare legislation and codes of practice
- principles and practices of horse clipping, including:
 - reasons for clipping horses
 - methods of restraint used during clipping
 - how to introduce horses to clipping
 - strategies for dealing with horses that are difficult to clip, including sedation, support from an assistant, selection of clipping equipment
 - techniques for different weather conditions, including cold weather, high winds and extreme heat
 - importance of efficient clipping and industry accepted timeframes
- clipping techniques, including:
 - for specific body parts and areas of varying hair growth
 - how to clip awkward areas and leg lines
 - clipping a bridle path, feathers, ears and jowl
 - injuries relating to clipping for horses and handler/groomer
- types of clips and when they are used, including:
 - full body clip
 - Hunter clip – all hair removed except for legs and with or without saddle pad
 - Blanket clip – hair left on legs and back (exercise sheet)
 - Trace or Chaser clip – hair left on back, head and legs
 - Irish clip – remove hair from areas around neck and armpits – where horse sweats
 - Bib or Strip clip – remove small amount of hair from front of neck and chest
 - artistic clips
- techniques for manes and tails:
 - laying, plaiting or pulling a mane
 - plaiting, trimming or pulling a tail
- issues relating to equine sedation (chemical restraint), including:
 - state/territory legislative requirements relating to the administration of sedation to equines
 - role and responsibilities of registered veterinarians and clients
 - consideration of equine status – breed, age, condition, pain, pregnancy, stallions
 - time to take effect and duration period
 - equine behaviour and responses to sedation and recovery
 - sedation risks to equine and handlers
- clipping equipment and products, including:
 - types of clippers, blades and clipper oil
 - shampoo, oils, conditioning and finishing products
 - electrical cords and safety products

- horse rugs, blankets or protection against weather and insects
- use and maintenance of clipping and trimming equipment
- strategies for dealing with clients, including:
 - clarifying and confirming clipping requirements and costs where appropriate
 - recording clipping plans and outcomes
 - providing handover or follow-up information and support.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an equine workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live horses as specified in the performance evidence and assessed as suitable for the experience and skills of the individual
 - horse gear and restraints
 - clipping tools and blades
 - shampoo, oils, conditioning and finishing products
 - electrical cords and safety products
 - horse rugs, blankets or protection
 - PPE appropriate for handler and activity
- specifications:
 - manufacturer operating instructions for clipping equipment
 - workplace health and safety policies and procedures, and environmental, biosecurity and animal welfare legislations and codes of practice
- relationships:
 - clients.

The *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training* provides advice and sample templates to assist assessors with the risk assessments that should be undertaken to help ensure the safety of all involved in the assessment.

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>