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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

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:

- identified the housing requirements for the safety and welfare of at least one species
- carried out routine enclosure cleaning and maintenance activities with minimal disturbance to animal on a minimum of three occasions
- recorded or reported on each of the above routine enclosure or exhibit cleaning and maintenance activities
- assessed current enclosure or exhibit and contributed three suggestions for improvements or refurbishment for one species.

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:

- features to consider in providing safe environments or enclosures for animals, including:
 - temperature, humidity, ventilation
 - lighting, noise level
 - natural behaviour opportunities, including social interactions, feeding and enrichment/stimulation
 - shelter, shade, protection from climate extremes
 - retreats, separation, quarantine areas
 - substrate materials, drainage
 - spatial dimensions
 - protection from predation
 - security for animals, staff and public
- types of animal enclosures and related cleaning and maintenance requirements, including:

- public exhibit and private housing areas
- aquaria
- aviaries
- cages, habitat boxes
- paddocks, walk-through or closed-off enclosures
- hazards and risks when handling captive animals, including:
 - animal bites, envenomation, kicks, scratches, crush injuries
- safe work practices, including:
 - types and use of personal protective equipment
 - use of maintenance equipment
 - handling and disposal of chemicals and biological waste
 - animal welfare and handling techniques and procedures for moving animals for enclosure maintenance
 - manual handling
 - hygiene, infection control, zoonotic disease
- pest identification and associated risks and controls.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - equipment and resources used to maintain and clean animal enclosures
 - personal protective equipment suitable for activities
 - a range of animals and enclosures
- specifications:
 - facility policies and procedures, including exhibited animal interaction and emergency procedures.

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>