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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:

- assisted in capturing, restraining and moving a minimum of three different animals using safe, humane species-specific methods and equipment.

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 requirements of facility procedures for capturing, restraining and moving animals, including:
 - emergency, security and escape procedures
 - workplace health and safety – hygiene, infection control, biosecurity, manual handling
- key animal welfare considerations for capturing, restraining and transporting animals
- species-specific information for animals that are captured, restrained and transported by the facility, including:
 - anatomical structures and physiological features
 - behavioural features – nature, defence mechanisms, stress response
 - animal husbandry requirements
 - handling techniques
- planning considerations for capturing, restraining and moving animals, including:
 - assessment of impact on animal and/or group
 - species-specific capture technique
 - restraint techniques – conditioned behaviour, physical and/or chemical (sedation/anaesthesia)
 - staff numbers and roles, including veterinary

- environment and climatic conditions
- contingency plans in the event of escape
- equipment required
- safety issues for the public, team members and animals
- time factors
- types, appropriate use and maintenance of equipment, including:
 - bags, nets, ropes, catch poles
 - transportation containers
 - visual barriers
- risks involved when handling animals, including:
 - animal bites, envenomation, kicks, scratches, intraocular contamination and crush injuries
 - biological hazardous waste and sharps injuries
 - handling of chemicals and biological waste, including disposal of deceased animals
 - manual handling, including carrying, lifting and shifting
 - release of infective agents, zoonotic diseases
 - slippery or uneven work surfaces
- key requirements of state/territory legislation, regulations, standards and protocols for transporting live animals, including:
 - Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines
 - International Air Transport Association (IATA) shipment requirements and protocols
 - relevant quarantine requirements for the external shipment of animals, including government department requirements for biosecurity and quarantine, import and export licences and Australasian Species Management Program (ASMP)
 - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting – this includes the use of mannequins and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical using live animals
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of live animals or realistic mannequins
 - species-specific equipment and resources typically available in a captive animal facility
- specifications:
 - facility policies and procedures, key legislation, standards and regulations for transporting animals

- relationships:
 - interactions with supervisor and team members.

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>