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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:

- documented a rehabilitation program for native animal species in reference to current industry practices, rehabilitation guides, husbandry manuals and other expert sources where relevant
- implemented a rehabilitation program for a minimum of two native animals and for each animal:
 - identified physiology, recovery and husbandry requirements for the species
 - used species appropriate handling techniques
 - provided appropriate husbandry and health care
 - prepared wildlife for post-rehabilitation life
 - handled deceased animals, as required
 - maintained accurate records.

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:

- principles, practices and objectives of native wildlife rehabilitation
- principles of animal welfare and ethics and key requirements of standards and guidelines covering native wildlife
- relevant organisational policies and procedures, including:
 - safe work and animal handling practices
 - hygiene standards, infection control and prevention of zoonotic diseases
- key requirements of national, state or territory wildlife protection legislation and codes of practice relating to rehabilitating wildlife

- basic overview of wildlife ecology, including population dynamics, habitat selection, competition and predator–prey interactions
- types of wildlife typically rescued, including:
 - amphibians
 - birds
 - mammals
 - reptiles
- anatomical structures and physiological features of common native wildlife
- common problems experienced by rescued animals, including:
 - age-related health conditions
 - dehydration, heat stress
 - wildlife diseases, including parasites
 - problems associated with captive care, including stress and humanisation
 - malnutrition, poor body condition, loss of weight or gastric conditions
 - injuries and trauma, including attacks from other animals, hit by car, pollution, natural disasters
- initial emergency care activities to address breathing issues, external bleeding, immobilising fractures and treating dehydration and shock
- basic animal husbandry requirements and rehabilitation procedures for common native species, including:
 - care for young orphaned animals
 - accessing veterinary care and administering medication as directed
 - husbandry requirements, including diets and housing or habitats
 - infection and pathogen control
 - managing injuries
 - integrating with other same-species animals
 - minimising stress, providing warmth and shelter
- pathogens and their potential impact on the environment.

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
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live, native wildlife
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken to rehabilitate native wildlife
- specifications:
 - organisational policies and procedures relevant to rehabilitating wildlife

- relevant legislation and codes of practice relating to native wildlife rehabilitation
- relationships:
 - supervisor or species coordinator.

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>