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**Release: 1**

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## Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                                |
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| 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 developed husbandry guidelines for one animal species, covering the following:

- natural history, including taxonomy, conservation status, physical description and habitat
- and at least four of the following topics:
  - population information
  - housing and environment requirements
  - general husbandry
  - anatomy
  - health care
  - behaviour
  - introductions and removals
  - nutrition and feeding
  - reproduction and breeding management
  - artificial incubation and rearing
  - handling and transport.

In doing so, individuals must have:

- researched, collated and analysed information relating to the species
- discussed and collaborated with team members and supervisor on the development and content of the husbandry guidelines
- documented and presented husbandry guidelines in a facility approved format.

## 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:

- processes for developing facility animal husbandry guidelines, including:
  - research methods and facilities
  - verifying and referencing researched information
  - report formats and presentation of information, including an overview of the topics generally covered in husbandry guidelines
- key information to include in animal husbandry guidelines, including:
  - biology and husbandry of species in a animal care environment
  - genetic principles for the management of animal populations
- workplace database programs for record-keeping and data analysis
- sources of information to reference or inform husbandry guidelines, including:
  - facility policies and procedures, including species stocking policies
  - regional and facility collection plans and policies
  - relevant federal, state or territory legislation and codes of practice
  - relevant state/territory animal welfare regulations
  - Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines.

## 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:
  - office technology to research and document the animal husbandry guidelines
  - organisational templates or formats
- specifications:
  - access to facility policies, procedures and guidelines
  - access to relevant state/territory legislation and regulations and animal welfare standards
- relationships:
  - 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>