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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.

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:

- assessed the condition of the hoof of at least three equines to develop appropriate hoof care and hoof protection plans for each
- provided information on routine and preventative hoof care for each equine
- advised on non-veterinarian equine health care for common ailments on at least two occasions
- followed infection control procedures.

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 of equines for determining hoof care and hoof protection plans, including:
 - general anatomy of equines
 - anatomical features of the lower limb and hoof and basic biomechanical functions
 - types and features of gait and conformation
 - use of or work undertaken by equine
 - features of ideal and problematic hooves
 - common malformation and injuries
 - nature, effects, causes and consequences of hoof disease
 - hoof, hoof protection and/or shoe wear patterns
- methods for assessing condition of hooves, including:
 - observation of the equine at rest and in motion to identify lameness and faults of gait
 - picking up and cleaning each hoof to check for injuries or foreign objects
 - seeking information from the owner or carer
 - review of radiographs in consultation with veterinarians

- features and options for:
 - routine and preventative hoof care
 - hoof protection and/or hoof care plans
- non-veterinarian treatments allowed within scope of practice, including:
 - adjusting fit of orthotics, pads, wedges or shoes/boots
 - trimming hooves to correct angles according to veterinary instructions
- infection control and biosecurity principles and practices, including:
 - isolation and quarantine
 - hygienic practices to avoid transmission of disease
 - notifiable diseases and processes to be followed
- key principles of animal welfare applicable to equine hoof care services
- workplace health and safety requirements and safe work practices, including:
 - managing risks when interacting with equines in the workplace
 - manual handling
 - using personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - safe zones and equine handling techniques
 - safe waste handling and disposal.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various compliant and manageable equines, assessed as suitable for the skills and experience of the individual, and appropriate simulations or case studies
 - measuring and recording tools
 - PPE correctly fitted and applicable to activities for individual.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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>