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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

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 worked effectively and safely in the animal care industry, including:

- carried out routine animal care work routines with three different animals, showing consideration to animal care needs in an ethical and humane manner
- complied with relevant legislation, regulations and codes of practice, including animal welfare and WHS legislation
- communicated effectively with supervisor and other staff using industry-appropriate terminology
- followed task instructions to complete work activities.

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:

- services available in different animal care sectors, including:
 - animal technology, including biomedical research
 - animal control and regulation
 - captive animals
 - companion animal services
 - veterinary practices
- relationships between sectors and other industries
- industry work conditions
- legislation that affects the industry, including:
 - WHS
 - industrial relations and employment terms and conditions
- career opportunities within the industry

- appropriate industry work ethics
- industry quality assurance standards
- policies and procedures, including:
 - animal welfare
 - environmental sustainability practices
 - infection control plans
 - standard operating procedures
- risks of working with animals, including:
 - animal bites, envenomation, kicks, scratches and crush injuries
 - biological hazardous waste and sharps disposal
 - handling of chemicals and medicines
 - gas leakage
 - inhalation of aerosol particles
 - intraocular contamination
 - manual handling, including carrying, lifting and shifting
 - needle pricks and cuts from other sharps
 - release of infective agents (animal and human)
 - slippery or uneven work surfaces
 - zoonoses
- general job responsibilities in a range of animal care sectors
- identifiable animal characteristics, including:
 - age, sex and size
 - coat or skin colours and texture
 - eye colour
 - markings, patterns and permanent scars
 - toe nail colour
 - microchip, ear tags, tattoos and markings and leg bands
 - movement and behaviour of animals
- animal temperaments and behaviours and how they relate to associated risks and hazards
- animal welfare requirements applicable to work role
- common diseases, ailments, injuries and other impacts on animal health and wellbeing
- the housing, exercise, social and activity needs of a range of animals
- the industry expectations of conduct presentation, and work performance
- the types of disinfectants, cleaning agents, cleaning techniques and cleaning equipment and materials used in an animal care workplace.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting

- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of animals
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care environment
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures
 - current WHS and animal welfare legislation and regulations
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with supervisor
 - interactions with 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.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>