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ACMGAS305 Rescue animals and apply basic first aid

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Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to rescue and restrain animals, and to provide basic first aid.

The unit applies to individuals working as animal keepers and carers, where it may be necessary to identify where assistance is required in the rescue of animals and the management of animal stress and injuries. These individuals work under broad supervision and use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources. Work routines must meet industry standards and compliance requirements for ethical handling and welfare of animals, work health and safety, and biosecurity appropriate to the work role.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

General Animal Studies (GAS)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Assess the situation and plan response	1.1 Assess risk posed to self, others and animals 1.2 Evaluate options for assisting animals, and implement procedures with reference to workplace protocols and regulations 1.3 Identify animals and select appropriate equipment for the rescue 1.4 Use personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times when handling animals, and use safe work practices according to WHS requirements
2. Capture and protect animal	2.1 Provide basic animal care to minimise stress to animals 2.2 Catch animal and handle safely and humanely to minimise pain and potential injuries 2.3 Reassure animal in a caring manner and make comfortable using available resources 2.4 Assess physical condition and vital signs of the animal
3. Provide first aid assistance	3.1 Provide basic first aid according to established animal first aid procedures 3.2 Seek first aid assistance from others as appropriate and required 3.3 Seek advice and assistance from supervisor or appropriate personnel in respect to future options for animal 3.4 Record treatment and any additional information on the animal according to legislative and organisational requirements

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	Accurately record events of the situation requiring first aid
Oral communication	- Speak clearly and calmly when seeking assistance from others - Listen and respond to advice and assistance when requested from supervisor or other personnel
Get the work done	Respond to the rescue situation promptly and problem solve the requirements of the animal in order to preserve its life

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGAS305 Rescue animals and apply basic first aid Release 2	ACMGAS305 Rescue animals and apply basic first aid Release 1	Corrected sentence in Foundation Skills	Equivalent unit

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Assessment Requirements for ACMGAS305 Rescue animals and apply basic first aid

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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, on two different animals, has:

- planned and rescued according to WHS requirements
- applied basic first aid and care
- gathered information and accurately recorded and maintained 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:

- the animal emergency network, including animal welfare bodies and support facilities
- animal first aid techniques
- examination techniques for health status
- first aid casualty management principles
- methods used to capture, restrain and examine animals, including equipment commonly used
- methods used to identify animals
- personal protective clothing and equipment and when and how it should be used
- safe animal handling techniques and procedures
- organisation policies and procedures, including WHS and emergency procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:

- a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live or simulated animals for capture
 - PPE for handling animals
 - first aid equipment.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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