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ACMGEN203 Feed and water animals

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to prepare, present and distribute food and water for animals according to animal dietary requirements.

This unit applies to entry level workers in the animal care industry who undertake routine work under supervision. They have some accountability for their own work and solve predictable problems. Workplaces may include retail pet stores, boarding/day care facilities, animal shelters, veterinary clinics, zoos and wildlife sanctuaries.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

General Animal Care (GEN)

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. Prepare for feeding	1.1 Confirm animals to be fed according to workplace requirements 1.2 Identify food and food supplements and prepare in line with feeding plans 1.3 Follow food safety requirements when preparing and storing food,

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	maintaining temperature and contamination control 1.4 Identify hazards to human and animal health in food preparation and distribution, and inform supervisor 1.5 Select and correctly fit appropriate personal protective equipment 1.6 Ensure food and water containers are clean and suitable for the animal and its situation
2. Feed and water animals	2.1 Provide food and food supplements according to the animal's feeding plan 2.2 Check and maintain food and water supply 2.3 Monitor feeding process to ensure animals are feeding effectively 2.4 Observe variations to individual eating and drinking patterns and inform supervisor
3. Complete the feeding and watering process	3.1 Record feeding and watering process according to workplace requirements 3.2 Record eating and drinking abnormalities and inform supervisor 3.3 Clean and store feeding equipment and supplies 3.4 Record food and food supplement stock levels and report to supervisor

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
Reading	Interpret animal feeding plans
Numeracy	- Calculate weight, volume and ratio - Measure quantities of food and food supplements for animal accurately in grams and kilograms

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGEN203 Feed and water animals	ACMGAS204 Feed and water animals	Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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Assessment Requirements for ACMGEN203 Feed and water animals

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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 has:

- fed and watered at least three different animals according to the animal's feeding plan (the three animals must cover two different species and two different life stages)
- recorded information relating to animal feeding using workplace 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:

- animal feeding plans, including:
 - specific animal nutritional requirements
 - life stage requirements
 - role of supplements
- animal feeding methods
- food preparation principles and techniques
- storage requirements for animal food, including:
 - temperature, humidity and pest control
 - use by and best before dates
 - appropriate containers for food
- how to deliver food in a manner that is safe and appropriate to the animal
- maintaining a clean food preparation area
- cross-contamination of food
- basic principles of animal welfare and ethics, including safe and humane animal handling techniques.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care facility or an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals specified in the performance evidence
 - equipment, tools and resources for feeding and watering tasks specified in the performance evidence
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures for feeding and watering animals
 - animal feeding plans
- relationships:
 - supervisor.

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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