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Assessment Requirements for ACMGEN302 Care for young animals

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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:

- cared for a minimum of two young animals, including for each:
 - provided appropriate environment and care program to meet the needs of each animal
 - monitored animal welfare, including health, nutrition, growth, behaviour and emotional state
 - prepared the animal for release into an exhibited, captive or natural habitat or environment or to a new care setting
 - collected data and maintained accurate records according to facility requirements.

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:

- anatomy and physiology of young animal for relevant species or animal group
- facility procedures for caring for young animals, and relevant animal welfare standards
- species-specific risks involved in natural and artificial rearing of young
- environmental requirements for rearing young animals, including:
 - controlled environments or enclosures
 - housing for mothers and young
 - orphans or artificially raised animals
- husbandry and care requirements for young animals, including:
 - feeding and weaning management, including for artificially raised animals
 - diets and supplements
 - growth and general condition of animals
- normal and abnormal behaviour relevant to species and age group, including:

- interactions with other animals
- concepts of imprinting and socialisation
- indicators of positive and negative mental states
- strategies and requirements for release of young animal into natural or captive or exhibited animal environments or to a new care setting
- animal handling risks and safe handling techniques for species, including:
 - animal bites, envenomation, kicks, scratches or crush injuries
- safe work and hygiene practices, including:
 - manual handling – carrying, lifting and shifting
 - protective clothing and equipment
 - infection control and risk of zoonotic disease
 - handling of chemicals and medicines
 - waste disposal – hazardous, biological and sharps
 - cleaning techniques, equipment and materials
- record-keeping requirements.

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 workplace conditions where young animals are cared for
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live, young animals identified as requiring care in a routine husbandry situation
 - equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in animal facility
- specifications:
 - facility policies and procedures covering care for young
- relationships:
 - supervisor.

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>