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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 the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- reviewed at least one animal welfare assessment framework or model from the following list and selected an associated assessment tool:
 - Five Domains
 - Five Freedoms
 - Quality of Life assessment
 - sector or workplace specific models
- completed an animal welfare assessment of one animal or group of animals using the selected tool
- reviewed the outcomes of the animal welfare assessment and suggested actions or strategies to improve the animal's welfare status
- explained the assessment process, outcomes and suggested actions to at least two stakeholders and sought their feedback on the suggested actions.

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:

- aspects of animal welfare, including:
 - differences between animal care, husbandry, welfare and ethics and legislative requirements
 - focus on an animal's experiences and how it is coping in its environment
 - welfare status can vary along a continuum from poor to good
- brief overview of relationship between society's attitudes toward animals and animal welfare, including:
 - legislation and regulation

- market and economic forces
- varying stakeholder opinions, including animal rights activism and cultural protocols
- key compliance requirements of:
 - state/territory legislation, regulation, accreditation and codes of practice relevant to animal work sector
 - relevant sections of the Australian Animal Welfare Standards and Guidelines
 - legal and reporting obligations
- animal welfare assessment frameworks and/or model suitable for workplace
- key features covered in an animal welfare assessment, including:
 - nutrition
 - social and physical environment
 - health
 - behaviour
 - emotional state
 - role of euthanasia
- key animal welfare issues and ethics relevant to the industry sector or workplace
- workplace or industry sector tools for assessing and managing animal welfare
- practical sector-specific strategies to improve factors impacting on an animal's welfare, focusing on:
 - species-appropriate social and physical environment
 - disease prevention and veterinary treatment
 - species-specific behaviours and environmental choices
 - knowledgeable and skilled care and management
 - humane interactions and handling.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals or video or film clips of live animals
- specifications:
 - animal welfare assessment tool appropriate for workplace or sector
- relationships:
 - relevant carer, supervisor, team member, or expert.

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>