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ACMGEN306 Provide advice on aquatic animal selection and general care

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 provide advice to clients on the appropriate selection of aquatic animals, and on their housing, nutritional and other general care requirements. It also includes the sale of aquatic animals, products and services. Aquatic animals may include fish, aquatic invertebrates (including crustaceans and corals), amphibians and turtles.

This unit applies to individuals who provide information and advice on aquatic animals and aquariums in pet shops and specialist facilities. They perform work under broad direction and are required to take responsibility for their own work, including carrying out assigned tasks, organising processes, solving routine problems and working to schedules.

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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1. Provide information and advice on aquatic animal selection	1.1 Use interpersonal skills effectively to engage clients and identify their requirements 1.2 Provide information on level of care required by varied species of aquatic animals 1.3 Provide advice on suitability of the selected species to meet client's requirements
2. Advise on housing and environmental requirements	2.1 Discuss appropriate housing and shelter requirements for selected species 2.2 Identify and recommend water features and landscaping requirements to suit requirements of species 2.3 Explain set-up and maintenance of housing, and demonstrate according to requirements 2.4 Provide advice on the introduction of species to a new environment
3. Advise on aquatic support systems	3.1 Identify systems and demonstrate to client 3.2 Evaluate systems and make recommendations to client 3.3 Discuss additional equipment and related services, and demonstrate as required 3.4 Provide advice and instructions to client on safe, low stress transportation of species and equipment
4. Advise on health, nutritional and welfare requirements	4.1 Discuss the environmental health requirements of the species with the client 4.2 Provide information on recommended preventative treatments for the selected species 4.3 Explain the dietary requirements for the selected species 4.4 Discuss the animal's social and enrichment needs, considering those that impact on behaviour and welfare
5. Complete aquatic animal sales transactions	5.1 Complete sales of animal, services and/or products according to workplace policies and procedures 5.2 Confirm compliance with legislative requirements for the sale or transportation of the selected species 5.3 Maintain records and follow up with client according to workplace policies and procedures

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 accurately industry terminology about aquatic species and nutritional needs from valid sources - Accurately interpret product information and instructions on animal products and animal care equipment
Oral communication	Use open-ended questioning, active listening, and paraphrasing and summarising to gather information and determine client requirements
Numeracy	- Calculate volume, weight, area, percentage, ratio, time and application rates - Accurately calculate quantities, prices and sales related data

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMGEN306 Provide advice on aquatic animal selection and general care	ACMCAS303 Provide advice on selection and care of aquatic animals	Title changed Minor changes to element and performance criteria for clarity Assessment requirements updated	Equivalent

Links

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