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Assessment Requirements for ACMGEN308 Walk and exercise dogs

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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:

- walked at least three individual dogs on lead according to individual dog requirements and environmental conditions.

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- obtained client information and dog history for each dog
- assessed each dog's suitability for walking, including basic health, emotional state and physical capability of the dog to undertake exercise, and advised client or workplace of any issues
- identified hazards and minimised risks related to self and dog/s
- positively reinforced appropriate behaviour for each dog
- handled each dog in a safe, low stress manner using appropriate equipment
- maintained a workplace log and 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:

- key requirements of local animal management regulations relating to dogs in the community
- insurance requirements relating to dog walking activities
- methods for identifying dogs
- methods for obtaining background information, including medical conditions, health/vaccination status and behavioural issues
- basic animal anatomy and physiology relevant to dog exercise and restraint
- safe, low stress and proactive dog handling and restraint techniques
- behavioural characteristics of dogs, including:

- canine communication with people and other dogs
- signs of distress and increased arousal
- basic overview of emotional states, including positive, neutral and negative
- enrichment/positive reinforcement items and activities
- positive reinforcement behaviour management techniques
- hazards and risks relevant to walking activities, including:
 - cars/traffic
 - other dogs, people, wildlife
 - toxic substances, pesticides and poisons
 - personal injuries – bites, scratches and manual handling
- workplace policies, procedures and requirements, including:
 - safety and emergency procedures
 - hygiene and infection control
 - waste disposal
 - animal welfare and humane handling
 - personal protective equipment
- safe use of disinfectants and cleaning agents, including safety data sheets
- requirements of relevant record-keeping system.

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 represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live dogs for walking and exercising specified in the performance evidence
 - equipment and supplies for walking and exercising dogs
- specifications:
 - local government animal management regulations relating to dogs in the community.

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>