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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:

- identified the animal and hazards, and assessed and minimised risks to self, other people, injured animal and other animals for two separate incidents
- provided basic first aid for at least two animals with different first aid needs, including:
 - approached, secured and handled each animal safely using low stress techniques and following workplace health and safety procedures
 - updated supervisor or relevant personnel of animal condition
 - accurately recorded and maintained records for each animal.

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:

- risks of providing first aid to animals, including:
 - risks to self and other people, including bites, scratches, envenomation, zoonoses and manual handling
 - risks to other animals
 - risks to injured animal
- first aid management principles
- methods used to catch, restrain and secure animals, including commonly used equipment
- personal protective equipment (PPE), including when and how it should be used, and correct fitting
- safe and humane animal handling techniques and procedures
- basic examination techniques to determine health status
- basic animal first aid techniques, including how to:
 - check airway and clear if required

- control bleeding
- minimise impact of shock by keeping animal quiet, warm and away from activity or noise
- immobilise limb injuries, if safe to do so, where soft tissue damage or fractures are suspected
- apply water appropriately, if available, in cases of burns or overheating
- transport animal to veterinary assistance as soon as possible using methods appropriate to illness or injury
- organisation policies and procedures, including health safety, and emergency procedures
- animal emergency networks, where applicable, including:
 - veterinary services
 - animal welfare bodies and support facilities
 - state and local government emergency services relevant to animal incidents.

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 animals or animal models/replicas specified in the performance evidence – live animals can only be used where first aid is undertaken as part of routine workplace activity and the animal's welfare is not compromised
 - PPE for handling animals
 - animal first aid equipment specified in the performance evidence
- 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>