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Assessment Requirements for ACMGEN311 Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing

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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 maintained and monitored the health and wellbeing of a minimum of three different animals and, on each occasion, the individual must have:

- applied work practices for personal safety and personal hygiene standards
- monitored and tested indicators of animal health
- assessed the physical environment of animals for evidence of conditions that may have affected the physical wellbeing and welfare of animals
- maintained records of observations, monitoring activities and samples, including isolation and/or quarantine records where required
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
- administered treatments under supervision.

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:

- anatomical and physiological structures and functions related to animal health and wellbeing
- overview of anatomical and physiological terminology
- broad categories of parasitic infestations and preventative treatments
- common infectious diseases and their causes and transmission, including:
 - bacteria
 - fungi
 - virus
 - zoonoses
- common non-infectious diseases, including:

- allergies
- chemical toxicities
- genetic
- metabolic
- neoplastic
- nutritional
- observing and reporting normal species-specific behaviour and indicators of ill health, injury or distress
- indicators of poor response to treatment or management of young, ill, injured or compromised animals
- indicators of recovery from illness or injury
- isolation and/or quarantine protocols
- safe work practices related to animal handling, including infection control
- methods used to measure, interpret and record animals' weight and other objective measures of animal health
- key principles of animal welfare and ethics.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care facility or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals specified in the performance evidence
 - videos/photos may be used for identification of diseases where live samples are not available
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care environment for animal health assessment and isolation and/or quarantine, including personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - workplace policies and procedures, and current, relevant legislation and codes of practice related to animal health assessment and isolation and/or quarantine
- 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>

