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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 provided a nutritionally appropriate diet for a minimum of three different animals. The three animals selected must include two species and include at least two different individual dietary needs.

In doing the above, the individual must have undertaken the following for each animal:

- prepared animal diet in consultation with relevant personnel
- prepared, stored and distributed food according to animal needs and workplace quality control procedures and hygiene practices
- monitored animal response to feeding program and reviewed diet in consultation with supervisor.

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:

- animal classifications that influence dietary needs and styles of eating
- key food groups in animal food or diet, including protein, carbohydrate, vitamin and mineral supplement and fibre content
- behavioural features related to feeding styles and unsuitable responses to diets
- methods used to monitor nutritional uptake, including:
 - comparing food distributed and food not eaten
 - estimating condition scores
 - weighing animals
- principles of contamination and cross-contamination
- species-specific feed products available and approved in Australia, including availability, cost, shelf life, method of storage, preparation and presentation to animals

- feeding methods of different animals, including the use of safe, low stress animal handling/interaction techniques
- appropriate food storage and feeding containers for different animals
- common nutrition-related health problems and health problems that impact an animal's diet
- importance of compliance with veterinary or supervisor instructions for specific animals
- sources of nutrients for particular animal classes and groups
- potential causes of poor response to diets.

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 represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals specified in the performance evidence
 - animal care environment equipment and resources required for the nutrition tasks specified in the performance evidence
- specifications:
 - workplace procedures relevant to animal diets and nutritional requirements
- 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>