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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 managed and maintained at least two different bird species, with one species in an avian house and the other species in a separate avian house. In doing so, the individual must have:

- completed a total enclosure clean-out or set-up
- provided routine daily husbandry for birds
- provided specific enrichment resources for the birds
- prepared for a change of season or cycle
- identified at least two bird parasites and/or disease risks, and implemented appropriate treatment or preventative procedures
- identified avian housing pests and applied pest control techniques
- maintained enclosures, including disinfection according to workplace requirements
- maintained accurate records and workplace documentation.

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:

- common names for avian species and breeds commonly held in facilities
- physical, behavioural and social requirements of a range of avian species and breeds kept in captivity
- avian biology related to the care and wellbeing of commonly held avian species and breeds
- housing requirements of bird species and/or breeds, including environmental enrichment
- species and/or breed nutritional requirements and feeding techniques
- species compatibility
- avian ectoparasites and endoparasites and diseases and treatment strategies

- notifiable diseases and reporting process
- zoonotic diseases associated with bird care, and methods of prevention and control
- safe, low stress avian handling techniques and procedures
- safe work practices, including:
 - appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - infection/disease control and hygiene standards
 - handling chemicals and cleaning agents
- record-keeping systems
- general maintenance and cleaning requirements of avian housing, including:
 - seasonal and cyclic maintenance schedules
 - waste management strategies
 - cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in avian housing
 - workplace guidelines and approaches to environmental sustainability
 - control of environmental pests
- key requirements of Commonwealth and relevant state/territory legislation, licensing and codes of practice related to avian species, biosecurity, health and safety, and animal welfare.

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 birds in avian housing (aviaries and/or bird rooms) specified in the performance evidence
 - animal care equipment and products required for husbandry, cleaning, maintenance and pest control activities for birds
 - record-keeping system or resources
- specifications:
 - workplace policies, procedures and plans related to avian housing maintenance.

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>