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Modification History

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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 independently groomed at least three different companion animals, including:

- two full grooms to remove body coat using a blade or comb attachment
- one groom covering face, feet and sanitary areas and nail trimming or grinding.

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- assessed the health and condition of each animal's coat
- communicated effectively with at least two clients to determine grooming requirements
- handled each animal in a safe and humane manner
- demonstrated appropriate and correct use of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection
 - scissors
 - de-matting tool
 - brushes, including pin, slicker and curry
 - combs, including poodle and fine tooth
- maintained grooming equipment and supplies according to workplace and manufacturer specifications
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
- completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures
- 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:

- common companion animal breed names

- common and undesirable animal behaviour and traits for relevant species
- basic anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products, including:
 - range of movement
 - signs of pain, distress or illness
 - issues relating to brachycephalic breeds
- safe animal handling and restraint techniques and procedures
- signs of abnormalities and health concerns in animals, including parasitic infections and dental disease
- common health risks associated with sanitary/hygiene and shave and clips, including:
 - haematoma and skin splits
 - ear infections
 - urinary tract infections
 - skin tears
 - urine burning
 - clipper burns
 - unhygienic tools
 - dangers associated with ear plucking and anal gland expression/evacuation
- how diseases are transmitted between animals and to humans
- industry recognised maintenance and restoration grooming techniques, procedures and equipment
- relevant grooming products and services
- appropriate and correct use of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection
 - scissors
 - de-matting tool
 - brushes, including pin, slicker and curry
 - combs, including poodle, greyhound, coarse and fine tooth
- maintenance of grooming equipment, including blade and comb attachments
- personal protective equipment, including protection for hands, face, eyes, ears and feet
- workplace policies, procedures and requirements, including:
 - safety and emergency procedures
 - hygiene and infection control
 - waste disposal
 - animal welfare and humane handling
 - resource use and environmental sustainability
- safe use of disinfectants and cleaning agents, and use of safety data sheets
- cleaning techniques, equipment and materials used in a companion animal workplace
- requirements of workplace record-keeping system.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a pet grooming workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals for grooming specified in the performance evidence
 - grooming products, tools and equipment specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment
 - disinfectants and cleaning products and equipment
 - workplace record-keeping/information management system
- specifications:
 - workplace and manufacturer instructions for use and maintenance of the tools, equipment and supplies specified in the performance evidence
- relationships:
 - clients specified in the performance evidence.

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>