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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 cats, within industry accepted timeframes for cats, including:

- one short-haired coat groom
- one full long-haired coat groom, incorporating a sanitary and/or belly shave and lion cut
- one extra-long-haired coat groom incorporating a guard comb trim.

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- identified the breed of each cat correctly
- assessed behaviour and health and condition of each cat's coat prior to grooming
- discussed grooming requirements with at least two clients
- safely secured and handled each cat in a humane manner
- demonstrated the appropriate and correct use of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap-on combs
 - blunt tipped curved face trimming scissors
 - slicker brush and rubber curry brush
 - combs, including coarse and fine tooth
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
- maintained grooming equipment and supplies according to workplace and manufacturer instructions
- completed post-grooming cleaning and housekeeping procedures
- maintained records for each cat.

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:

- features and requirements of cat breed standards
- purpose of grooming cats
- cat behaviour, anatomy and physiology related to grooming procedures and products, including:
 - common behaviour traits
 - range of movement
 - signs of pain, distress or illness
 - issues relating to brachycephalic breeds
- cat coat types, characteristics and breed group grooming requirements
- cat grooming products, techniques and services
- requirements for a safe grooming environment
- types and uses of grooming tools and equipment, including clippers and blade sizes and scissors
- correct use of the following equipment:
 - clippers, including correct blade selection and use of snap-on combs
 - blunt tipped curved face trimming scissors
 - slicker brush and rubber curry brush
 - combs, including coarse and fine tooth
- personal protective equipment, including protection for hands, face, eyes, ears and feet
- safe cat handling and restraint techniques and procedures, including:
 - low stress handling techniques
 - selection and use of cat muzzles and restraints
 - techniques to introduce kittens and inexperienced cats to grooming
 - recognising when chemical sedation is required
- risks to cats of medicines, chemicals and products used for humans, canines and premises, including:
 - products and chemicals that cannot be used on cats
 - potential consequences of unsafe/non-approved products used on cats
 - awareness of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
- issues related to temperature dependant coats
- infection control, including transmission of zoonoses relating to cats
- workplace record-keeping systems and procedures
- workplace health and safety, hygiene and environmental sustainability procedures relating to cat grooming, including:
 - safe manual handling
 - use of disinfectants and cleaning agents
 - cleaning and sanitising techniques, equipment and materials, including safety data sheets
 - resource use and disposal of waste
- principles of animal ethics and welfare, and key requirements of animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice.

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 cats for grooming as specified in the performance evidence
 - products, tools and equipment for grooming cats specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment
 - cleaning products and equipment
 - devices used for securing or restraining of cats
 - workplace record-keeping/information 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>