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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:

- independently completed an assessment of the health and status of three different companion animal coats and skins to determine suitable grooming products options
- identified at least ten active ingredients in grooming products (shampoo and/or conditioner) and their purpose/role
- accurately recognised at least five clinical signs of common animal skin or coat conditions, from the following list:
 - hair loss
 - redness
 - pustules
 - dryness
 - flaky skin
 - excess production of sebum
 - thin or fragile skin
 - ectoparasites (fleas, ticks, mites)
 - staining (tear, saliva or urine stains).

In doing the above, the individual must have:

- handled each animal in a safe and humane manner
- communicated effectively with at least two clients to obtain information relevant to the animal's condition
- identified one condition requiring a referral to a veterinarian
- implemented personal and workplace hygiene standards
- selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment
- maintained records for each animal assessed.

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:

- types of animal coats, including:
 - long/drop coat
 - double/heavy coat
 - combination/silky coat
 - fluffy/curly coat
 - short/smooth coat
- basic skin biology, including:
 - main structure, functions and role of skin
 - layers of skin, epidermis, dermis, hypodermis
 - subcutaneous tissue
 - basement membrane
 - sebaceous gland, papilla and muscle types
 - pH of skin
- hair shaft structure and features, including:
 - cuticle, medulla, cortex, apocrine, sweat gland
 - pigment types – tyrosine, melanin, eumelanin and pheomelanin
 - hair types – guard hairs, under hairs, tactile hairs
 - hair growth phases, including telogen, catagen, anagen
- clinical signs of common companion animal skin or coat conditions, including:
 - hair loss
 - redness
 - pustules
 - dryness
 - flaky skin
 - excess production of sebum
 - thin or fragile skin
 - staining (tear, saliva or urine stains)
- conditions requiring referral to a veterinarian or other animal health practitioner
- scope of practice and state/territory restrictions on the administration of specific medications
- safety of products used on animals, including:
 - approved for use on animals
 - awareness of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
 - potential consequences of unsafe/non-approved products used on animals
- types and purpose of companion animal grooming products (including safety data sheets), including:
 - shampoos and coat conditioning/finishing products

- health treatment products
- internal supplements/nutriments
- topical applications
- types of bathing systems/equipment and their effects on skin or hair condition
- types and role of shampoo/product ingredients, including:
 - pH value
 - sodium laureth/lauryl sulfate
 - tar
 - cocamide
 - propylene glycol
 - parabens
 - ethyl alcohol
- personal protective equipment, including protection for hands, face, eyes, ears and feet
- impact of water temperature and pH and drying processes on skin and coat condition
- reasons for and key features of standard infection-control precautions.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live companion animals specified in the performance evidence
 - range of grooming products
 - manufacturer product information and support materials, including safety data sheets
 - personal protective equipment required to handle and assess animal coat and skin condition
 - workplace record-keeping/information system
- 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>