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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has assisted with oestrus detection in at least three different calm, consistent and obedient mares, including at least one with foal at foot, including:

- carrying out a basic hazard and risk assessment
- handling mares and foals at foot humanely and safely while being teased
- identifying and recording mares in oestrus
- observing horses during teasing processes
- placing mares in crush and ensuring foals are controlled
- holding mares in crush and assisting veterinarian for rectal examination and scanning
- preparing hygienic work site, prior to veterinarian's arrival
- preparing relevant materials and equipment
- cleaning up work areas and equipment following insemination fertility
- recording details of mare examination and status of cycle.

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:

- principles and practices for assisting with oestrus detection
- animal welfare principles and practices relevant to handling mares and foals
- common horse breeding terminology
- various classes of breeding stock and likely behaviour characteristics
- oestrus cycle and heat detection in mares
- types and purpose of recordkeeping systems
- safe work practices for assisting with oestrus detection in mares:
 - safe horse handling techniques

- cleaning, hygiene and biosecurity requirements
- safe waste disposal
- types and purpose of personal protective equipment (PPE).

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
- a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions, including teasing yard, veterinary facilities, breeding crush and foal pen
- specifications:
 - work instructions for assisting with oestrus detection in mares
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of live mares in oestrus assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack for individual, horse and activity
 - equipment and cleaning materials
 - PPE correctly fitted and applicable for task for individual
 - workplace documents for recording details of mares.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

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.education.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>