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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 carried out mating procedures for at least three mares, including at least one with a foal at foot, including:

- using industry accepted oestrus detection methods, including teasing
- handling mare for serving using safe horse handling techniques
- preparing mare for serving, cleaning and bandaging according to stud practice
- loading mare in crush and securing or controlling foal according to stud practice
- applying restraints appropriate for procedure to mare
- providing support to veterinarian or stallion manager
- keeping and maintaining accurate records of mating and breeding activities for individual horses.

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 relevant to mare mating procedures:
 - relevant horse breeding terminology
 - relevant anatomy and physiology of male and female reproductive systems in horses, including conception and gestation
 - key regulatory requirements relating to animal welfare
- safe work practices:
 - safe horse handling techniques
 - hazard and risk identification and minimisation
 - personal protective equipment (PPE)
 - biosecurity and hygiene practices relevant to mating procedures

- procedures for preparation for mating
- requirements of veterinarians in carrying out follicle and pregnancy testing
- mare handling procedures
- mare identification methods, including mare status and stallion booking
- types and purpose of different handling restraints for mares
- common infertility in mares and what may be treated by veterinarians
- oestrus cycle in mares and dioestrus behaviour and its detection
- workplace recording and reporting procedures, including stud recordkeeping requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace with teasing yards, stud veterinary facilities, breeding area or barn and foal restraint areas
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various classes of mares to be mated, assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - at least one working stallion and teaser
 - tack, equipment and restraints required for teasing, mating and veterinary testing for follicle and pregnancy testing, and uterine infection treatment
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable to activity for the individual
- specifications:
 - workplace recording and reporting forms or systems
 - work instructions or program for carrying out mating procedures.

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.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

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