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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 safely handled and conducted a range of routine activities with at least three young horses (one foal, one weanling and one yearling), including:

- assessing and minimising risk associated with handling young horses
- checking facilities and equipment for safety
- observing and monitoring young horse behaviour and recognising abnormalities
- catching and handling a foal safely and humanely
- fitting rugs, bits, bridles and halters
- teaching a weanling to lead and accept a halter
- grooming and exercising yearling
- preparing yearling for sale, including:
 - trimming and tidying yearling for presentation for sale
 - teaching a yearling to stand correctly for presentation at sale.

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:

- suitable facilities for weaning
- potential dangers to the foal during weaning and appropriate actions to reduce them
- stress responses sometimes associated with weaning:
 - fretting
 - over-heating
 - refusing food
 - overeating
 - self-inflicted injuries
- suitable facilities for yearling preparation

- potential dangers to the yearlings during sale preparation and appropriate actions to reduce them:
 - removing any potential hazards from stalls and handling areas
 - exercising in confined areas
 - monitoring exercise
- effects of exercise on joints and bones of the legs
- various responses in yearlings associated with sale preparation:
 - fretting
 - poor appetite
 - overeating
 - stable vices
- safe horse handling techniques for young horses
- key features of regulatory requirements for:
 - work health and safety
 - animal welfare.

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 a small handling yard and crush
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various young horses including weaning foals and weanlings – note that young horses can be less compliant and highly reactive, and should be assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - appropriate tack for handling and caring for young horses
 - personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly fitted and applicable for task for individual
- specifications:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures for handling young horses.

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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