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Assessment Requirements for ACMINF101

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0.

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:

- safely handled at least three different companion animals
- correctly recognised two different clinical signs of diseases in at least two different companion animal species
- carried out at least three different animal care and infection control activities, from the list below, covering two live companion animals:
 - providing food and fresh water and checking for contamination
 - treating parasites/skin conditions on animals
 - washing/grooming an animal
 - cleaning animal bedding
 - cleaning enclosures or yards
 - separating an animal with an infectious disease from other animals
 - organising veterinary or local council or regional services treatments
 - personal hygiene when handling or working with animals.

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:

- basic meaning of duty of care and animal welfare, including:
 - appropriate shelter
 - managing animals in own care
 - provision of food and water
 - health care
 - humane handling and treatment and awareness of consequences of neglecting or mistreating animals

- awareness of state/territory legislation relating to animal welfare and cruelty to animals
- simple concepts of benefits to the community and to the animal, including:
 - desexing animals (chemical and surgical) for population control and health of animal and offspring
 - containing animals to protect people, wildlife and other animals
 - preventing and controlling disease
 - vaccination and veterinary treatment
- local government and/or state/territory requirements relating to animal registration, microchipping, confinement and desexing in own area
- basic companion animal behaviour and body language depicting different emotions, including distressed, aggressive and relaxed
- common animal infections and diseases, including:
 - mange/scabies
 - fleas, ticks and lice
 - ringworm
 - worms, including tapeworm, hook worm and round worm
- basic treatments for common infections and diseases that can be administered without veterinary advice
- basic principles of how diseases can be transmitted and spread, including:
 - between animals
 - between animals and people
- basic principles of links between human health and animal health
- common cleaning materials, disinfectants and personal protective equipment and how to use them
- simple strategies to encourage positive companion animal behaviour, including:
 - socialisation
 - rewards—based training methods
 - humane handling and treatment.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a community or workplace environment
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live companion animals
 - cleaning equipment and materials
 - personal protective equipment used in animal care.

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>