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### Modification History

| Release   | Comments                                                                                |
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| 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:

- checked for animal behaviour risks and safely handled at least three different companion animals using correct techniques, equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- correctly recognised the signs of at least five different diseases in at least two different companion animal species
- carried out at least three of the following infection control activities while caring for three different live companion animals:
  - visual checks of animal for signs of disease
  - cleaning of animal body fluids and excrement
  - cleaning and changing of animal bedding
  - cleaning feeding utensils
  - completion of workplace records related to infection control.

### 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 companion animal behaviour and body language depicting different emotions, including distressed, aggressive and relaxed
- basic principles of infection control and biosecurity, including:
  - prevent spread of disease before it occurs and limit contamination after it has occurred
  - personal hygiene, PPE and vaccination/immunisation
  - disinfecting and/or sanitising equipment
  - cleaning animal housing
  - limiting movement of animals and environmental contamination
  - reporting incidents and infectious diseases
- key terminology related to infection control and basic meanings, including:

- biosecurity
- infectious
- contagious
- zoonosis
- pathogen
- contaminant
- how diseases can be transmitted and spread, including:
  - between animals
  - between animals and people
- main risks in contracting a zoonosis from companion animals
- signs of common infectious diseases (including zoonoses) affecting companion animals, including:
  - canine parvovirus / feline panleukopenia
  - canine infectious respiratory disease complex (kennel cough) / feline upper respiratory disease complex
  - toxoplasmosis
  - salmonellosis
  - lice, ticks, fleas
  - sarcoptic mange/scabies (parasitic/mite disease)
  - ringworm
  - roundworm, hookworm
- types of cleaning materials and disinfectants and their application and contact requirements
- workplace reporting requirements.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - skills must be demonstrated in a companion animal care workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - live companion animals
  - suitable taxidermy specimens, veterinary simulators, anatomical models or images/video if live animals cannot be obtained
  - cleaning equipment and materials
  - PPE used in animal care environment
- specifications:
  - workplace infection control guidelines
  - cleaning product user instructions.

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>