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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 managed horse health using selected therapies for at least two individual horses, including:

- handling horses safely
- undertaking health checks, including vital signs
- detecting the signs of common horse injuries, ailments and health problems
- identifying the impact of injury and health problems on performance and horse welfare
- researching a wide range of relevant treatments and therapies
- critically evaluating information about therapies and claims of efficacy
- conducting a risk assessment relating to implementing specific therapies
- collaborating with veterinarians and allied health professionals
- following and implementing veterinary and allied health professional treatment plans
- administering treatments and therapies
- using equipment according to instructions
- monitoring horse responses to treatment and adjusting treatments
- complying with regulatory requirements and workplace and industry procedures and practices relevant to role and use of therapies to manage horse health, including:
 - animal welfare and prevention of cruelty to animals
 - work health and safety (WHS)
 - biosecurity
 - environment and sustainability.

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:

- key features of equine biology, anatomy and physiology

- signs, aetiology, pathogenesis, progression and healing processes of common equine injuries, ailments and diseases
- range of therapies available to treat identified equine diseases, ailments and injuries
- mode of action, benefits, limits, scientific evidence and physiological plausibility of therapies, including veterinary, nutraceutical, pharmacological, natural and complementary therapies
- legislative regulations covering veterinary and allied health professional accreditation qualifications and licencing
- industry bodies, professional development, compliance and accreditation processes
- key requirements of work health and safety regulations and guidelines relating to:
 - risk assessment, control and review
 - due diligence for staff and other personnel
 - safe horse handling techniques
 - personal protective equipment (PPE), including use, storage, maintenance and replacement schedules
- key requirements of biosecurity standards, relevant to horse disease and hygiene standards
- key requirements of animal welfare standards, policies and procedures relevant to the safe, humane and ethical care and housing of horses
- key requirements of environmental and sustainability standards, policies and procedures relevant to equine facilities and properties.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various horses requiring therapy treatment assessed as suitable for the experience and skill of the individual
 - tack, materials and equipment for providing therapeutic treatment for horses, including personal protective equipment (PPE) for handler
 - workplace recording or reporting forms
- specifications:
 - health program for individual, horses experiencing an injury or ill health.

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=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>