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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 must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- identified the specific characteristics and needs of birds
- provided basic care for a minimum of two birds of different species, including (for each):
 - demonstrating appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
 - preparing and providing food
 - assisting with health care needs
 - maintaining feed and treatment records.

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:

- anatomical structures and physiological features used to identify and classify birds
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for birds
- housing, nesting, social and activity needs of birds, and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- indicators of the physical condition and signs of good health in birds, determined by observations of:
 - activity level
 - assessment of body condition
 - excessive self-scratching or self-mutilation
 - feather plucking
 - posture and attitude
 - response to stimuli
 - appetite and dietary history

- feathers and faecal matter (for any abnormalities)
- enrichment needs, including:
 - extras to daily base diet
 - physical enrichment items
 - social enrichment
- potential hazards and risks to birds and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing, including zoonoses
- safe bird handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including use of personal protective equipment
- methods used to safely approach and handle birds, including:
 - confining to small area before attempting to catch
 - encouraging bird to approach by offering a treat
 - enticing bird into a smaller enclosure
- the principles of animal welfare
- types of food and food supplements and their role in bird diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species
- types of information that is reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- state/territory legislation and codes of practice related to captured wildlife, biosecurity, WHS and 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
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of birds from different species
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care facility
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with supervisor.

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>