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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 domestic dogs
- provided basic care for a minimum of two dogs of different breeds, including (for each):
 - demonstrating appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
 - preparing and providing food
 - assisting with health care needs
- maintained feed and treatment records for one dog.

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 common breeds of domestic dog
- Australian National Kennel Council breed standard guidelines
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for dogs
- housing, social and activity needs of dogs and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- indicators of the physical condition and signs of good health in dogs
- natural dog behaviour, including body language, vocal and other forms of communication
- normal behaviour patterns:
 - activity levels appropriate for age and breed
 - normal feeding, resting and eliminative behaviour
 - social behaviour towards conspecifics and other species, including humans
- inappropriate behaviour:

- destructive behaviour
- excessive vocalisation
- inappropriate arousal levels
- repetitive or stereotypic behaviour patterns
- signs of anxiety and distress
- dog enrichments, including:
 - food or food-related enrichment
 - physical enrichment items
 - occupational activity options
 - social enrichment
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing, including zoonoses
- safe dog handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures, including personal protective equipment
- the principles of animal welfare
- types of food and food supplements and their role in dog diets
- types of information that is reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- state/territory legislation and codes of practice related to domestic dogs, 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 domestic dogs
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care environment
- 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>