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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 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 cats
- provided basic care for a minimum of one domestic cat, including:
  - 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 common cat breeds
- housing, social and activity needs of cats and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for cats
- natural cat behaviour
- behaviour characteristics that can vary according to:
  - the breed, age and sex of the animals
  - behaviour characteristics associated with different species
- normal behaviour patterns, including:
  - normal feeding, resting, eliminative behaviour
  - activity levels appropriate for age and breed
  - social behaviour towards conspecifics and other species, including humans

- inappropriate behaviour, including:
  - changes to expected normal behaviour
  - excessive vocalisation
  - destructive behaviour
  - inappropriate elimination
  - signs of anxiety and distress
- indicators of the physical condition and signs of good health in cats
- enrichment needs, including:
  - food or food-related enrichment
  - physical enrichment items
  - social enrichment
- potential hazards and risks to animals and staff during feeding and cleaning of housing, including zoonoses
- safe cat handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures
- the principles of animal welfare
- types of food and food supplements and their role in cat diets
- types of information that is reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- state/territory legislation and codes of practice related to domestic cats, 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 real, live domestic cat
  - 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>

