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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.

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 habitat, activity cycle and general features and needs of two different species of amphibians
- provided general care for a minimum of two amphibians of different species, including for each:
 - demonstrated appropriate restraint and safe handling techniques
 - evaluated appropriate housing to ensure animal welfare needs are met
 - prepared and provided food
 - assisted with health care needs
 - maintained feed and husbandry records for each animal.

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 amphibians
- digestive system features of amphibians, including:
 - anatomical features
 - physiological features
 - feeding patterns and natural dietary requirements for the species
 - potential digestive system malfunctions or problems
 - water need
- general health maintenance and preventative treatment procedures for amphibians
- housing, social and activity needs of amphibians and environmental impacts on health and wellbeing

- indicators of physical condition and signs of good health in amphibians
- natural amphibian behaviour relating to the characteristics of the species, age, health status, behavioural and social needs, and the signs of distress, illness and undesirable behaviours
- 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
- principles of animal welfare and animal welfare assessment frameworks/models, including the Five Domains
- safe amphibian handling techniques and procedures, potential hazards and control measures
- types and impacts of food in amphibian diets, including natural dietary requirements for specific species
- indicators of food quality, including nutritional value, freshness and shelf life, free from spoilage and pests
- types of information reported and recorded in animal care workplaces
- key requirements of Commonwealth and state/territory legislation, licensing and codes of practice related to captured wildlife, biosecurity, work health and safety and animal welfare.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live amphibians as required for the performance evidence
 - equipment and resources typically available in an animal care facility including personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - organisational policies and procedures, current legislation and relevant codes of practice
- relationships:
 - supervisor.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>