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Modification History

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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:

- prepared for and assisted with medical procedures as directed by the veterinarian that include at least three of these procedures:
 - major ear clean
 - urinary catheterisation
 - major enemas
 - thoracocentesis
 - cerebral spinal fluid tap
 - blood transfusion or synthetic colloid
 - crystalloid
 - electrocardiogram (ECG)
- prepared for and performed medical procedures under immediate veterinary direction that include administration of at least three of the following:
 - oral medication
 - subcutaneous injections
 - intramuscular injections
 - IV injections
 - oxygen supplementation by any of these methods: flow-by, nasal prongs, head tent, mask, oxygen cage, placed nasal tube

- administration of intravenous (IV) fluids (via gravity feed or fluid pump) on at least one occasion
- prepared, operated, calibrated (where required), cleaned, sterilised, stored and maintained medical equipment
- appropriately handled and restrained animals to minimise animal stress and discomfort
- performed the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 240 hours of work in a veterinary practice.

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:

- animal anatomy and physiology related to medical nursing routines
- legislative requirements and health regulations for the storage, use and disposal of chemicals and biological debris from medical procedures
- relevant state or territory legislative requirements for animal welfare related to veterinary medical routines
- examination techniques to check health status
- vital signs and their normal range, and reasons for concern for measurements outside normal range
- medical procedures, including:
 - administration of intravenous fluid
 - IV blood products
 - oxygen supplementation
 - ear cleaning
 - urinary catheterisation
 - enemas
 - biopsies
 - thoracocentesis
 - cerebral spinal fluid tap
 - blood transfusion
 - endoscope/bronchoscope/laproscope
 - electrocardiogram (ECG)
 - other procedures commonly carried out in the veterinary practice
- the identification, operation, cleaning and basic maintenance of equipment, including:
 - intravenous fluid pumps and equipment
- biosecurity policies and procedures and legislation
- storage and security requirements for medications
- state and territory legislation relevant to 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:
 - in the workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a veterinary practice surgery
 - resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of live animals
 - equipment and resources typically available in a veterinary practice surgery where medical procedures are carried out
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with a registered veterinarian or minimum of Certificate IV qualified veterinary nurse.

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>