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Assessment Requirements for ACMVET410

Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 2.0

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:

- prepared, sharpened, cleaned and maintained equipment and instruments for dental procedures
- performed an oral examination on a minimum of two different animals, covering both canine and feline patients, including:
 - observed, recorded and reported on animal condition, health and dental procedures and history
 - examined and recorded in a dental chart the pre- and post-treatment condition of the oral cavity
 - performed dental prophylaxis (cleaning and polishing) under veterinary supervision
 - provided post-operative care and home advice for patient
- assisted with a minimum of one simple extraction
- 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:

- anatomy of the oral cavity, including teeth, bone and gums
- Australian Veterinary Association Dental Policy and Guidelines
- post-operative homecare advice to reduce dental and gingival disease, including dietary recommendations, appropriate oral-care products and procedures available and the principles and practice of daily brushing for relevant species
- instruments and equipment required to perform a dental prophylaxis under general anaesthetic and simple teeth extractions

- safe set up and effective use of dental machine (veterinary nurse may or may not use all components, but must be able to set up for veterinary use), including:
 - water supply
 - suction
 - oral irrigation (air/water flush)
 - low speed hand-piece (polishing head)
 - polishing cups and prophylaxis paste
 - high speed hand-piece (dental bur/drill)
- safe set up and effective use of hand-held instruments, including:
 - dental explorers and probes
 - dental elevators
 - root pick
 - retractors and gags
 - toothpaste
 - toothbrush
- techniques used to maintain serviceability of instruments and equipment in clean, sharp and lubricated condition
- work health and safety and animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice related to dental procedures
- personal protective equipment required in veterinary dental procedures
- post-operative care and home advice
- techniques for performing dental prophylaxis and assisting with simple extractions
- biosecurity, hazard management and hygiene requirements related to dental prophylaxis and dental surgical procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - in the workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a veterinary practice or dental surgery
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of real, live animals
 - equipment and resources typically available in a veterinary dental surgery
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice and guidelines
 - access to organisational policies and procedures for dental processes
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with real clients

- 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>