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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 assisted with the preparation of veterinary drugs and poisons, including:

- undertaking the preparation of pharmaceuticals for a minimum of three animals of different species, including:
 - at least two formulations, including parenteral and topical or oral
- providing information to a client, on at least one occasion, about the veterinary drug or poison and follow-up treatments, under supervision
- 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:

- legal and ethical requirements (national, state/territory) for pharmacy work, and how these are applied in organisations
- guidelines, including the Australian Veterinary Association Guidelines for Prescribing, Authorising and Dispensing Veterinary Medicines (including the PAD checklist)
- record keeping, disposal, storage, administration and sales of veterinary drugs and poisons
- prescribing and dispensing veterinary drugs and poisons (by veterinarian only)
- legislation relevant to veterinarians and veterinary nurses
- specific legislation, including:
 - relevant state or territory Veterinary Surgeons' Act
 - *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*
 - Poisons Standard, February 2017

- Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) and relevant state and territory legislation and regulations
- *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*
- *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* in conjunction with Guidelines on use of cytotoxic drugs and related waste (Qld)
- codes of conduct, including the Australian Veterinary Association Code of Professional Conduct
- drugs schedules and categories of drugs, actions and side effects
- prescriptions and who can write prescriptions
- stock control of medications
- legal requirements and principles of veterinary drugs and poisons product labelling (product name, batch numbering and expiry date)
- specific labelling requirements
- key information for inclusion, including:
 - date on which the container was filled
 - constraints
 - directions for use of each medicine
 - name, strength, form and quantity of all medicines supplied in the container
 - veterinarian details
 - expiry date
- withholding periods for commonly medications commonly prescribed in practices
- compounded medications
- infection control principles and their relevance to packaging, administering and storing veterinary drugs and poisons
- handling and administration of cytotoxic drugs under veterinary supervision
- packaging principles and processes, including:
 - calculations, weights and measures
 - properties of container types and selection for use
 - various pack sizes and selection for use
 - types of packaging materials.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a veterinary practice
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - equipment and resources typically available in a veterinary practice for the preparation of pharmaceuticals
 - veterinary drugs and poisons, appropriately stored
- specifications:

- organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations, drug schedules, relevant guidelines and 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>