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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 skills in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- developed and delivered a minimum of three animal behaviour programs, covering two species, that benefits animals or animal owners, including (for each):
 - collecting patient histories and identifying normal and abnormal animal behaviours
 - determining acceptable and unacceptable animal behaviours
 - providing nursing support for behavioural consultations
 - designing a behaviour modification program
 - providing follow-up support for client
- reviewed a minimum of one behaviour education program for an animal who was prescribed a behavioural modification drug
- 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 relating to the stress response and behaviour management
- animal learning theory and current techniques in behavioural management
- early socialisation and physical environment requirements of animals
- animal nutrition and husbandry related to behaviour
- common behavioural problems in companion animals
- abnormal behaviour and the potential role of physical illness in behavioural problems
- fundamentals of animal behaviour
- principles of animal welfare and ethics in behaviour management
- rights of animals

- legal responsibilities of pet ownership
- normal animal behaviour, development and communication
- medications commonly used to manage behavioural disorders
- nursing support of behavioural management, including:
 - directing clients
 - collecting history
 - restraining animals
 - performing a physical examination
 - producing reports
 - supplying medications
 - organising revisits and other follow-up procedures
 - coordinating referrals when required
- relevant state or territory legislation and regulations relating to the practice of veterinary science, work health and safety and animal welfare
- relevant state or territory legislation covering the use of therapeutic and controlled substances
- client education programs
- risks and hazards related to animal behavior.

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
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of real animals that require behavioural treatment
 - equipment, instruments and resources typically available for in a veterinary practice
- specifications:
 - access to organisational policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and relevant codes of practice
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - interactions with real clients
 - interactions with a registered veterinarian with a special interest in animal behaviour.

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>

