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AHCCMN201 Contribute to animal care through work activities

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to identify what ‘animal care’ means in a workplace and how one’s own individual responsibilities contribute to animal care as a whole within a specific workplace or industry.

It may or may not include hands-on animal care but more importantly includes being part of a whole system that supports and contributes to animal care.

The unit also includes contributing to animal care through the use of an appropriate mix of technical skills, handling unexpected contingencies in relation to animal care, and reflecting on animal care procedures in order to make improvements to one’s own work. All activities are carried out under supervision.

This unit is designed for use in a Pathway qualification or skills set. It should not be used in a qualification that has a direct job outcome.

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Common (CMN)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Identify and plan appropriate animal care approach	1.1 Identify workplace approach to working with animals, and describe in relation to work activity 1.2 Identify individual responsibilities in contributing to animal care

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	1.3 Identify workplace products, services, operations and customers 1.4 Identify safe work practices relevant to work activity 1.5 Identify appropriate capture and restraint requirements and equipment, where required 1.6 Map out animal care strategy based on workplace requirements and individual responsibility, and apply to work activity
2. Contribute to animal care using a mix of technical skills	2.1 Organise food preparation equipment according to task needs 2.2 Recognise common animal behaviours for the species and take appropriate action 2.3 Care for animals and feed and water according to animal welfare standards and health and safety procedures and standards 2.4 Identify tools and equipment and use safely and according to enterprise requirements 2.5 Accurately count stock levels as required 2.6 Groom animals according to enterprise and animal welfare policy as required
3. Work with others and handle unexpected contingencies	3.1 Respond to requests that effect work activity and animal care courteously, clearly, professionally and efficiently 3.2 Seek assistance with issues relating to animal care from other staff when required and in a timely manner 3.3 Keep key personnel informed of progress of animal care activity and provide clear explanations regarding issues in regards to animal care 3.4 Identify and report on physical and behavioural hazards
4. Reflect on animal care procedures	4.1 Reflect on personal performance in relation to working with animals and discuss possible improvements with supervisor 4.2 Apply improvements to work practice 4.3 Identify possible improvements to animal care procedures and discuss with key personnel

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AGFCMN201A Contribute to animal care through work activities.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>

Assessment Requirements for AHCCMN201 Contribute to animal care through work activities

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Performance Evidence

The candidate must be assessed on their ability to integrate and apply the performance requirements of this unit in a workplace setting. Performance must be demonstrated consistently over time and in a suitable range of contexts.

The candidate must provide evidence that they can:

- apply basic principles of animal ethics and welfare
- adapt and modify activities depending on differing workplace contexts and environment
- apply animal-observation skills
- apply relevant industrial or legislative requirements
- identify and use equipment, tools and other technology required to complete workplace tasks
- follow relevant work health and safety and environmental protection procedures and requirements
- identify species using common names
- interpret and follow a designated work plan or set of instructions for a job
- keep required records of workplace activities
- plan a daily routine to complete required workplace tasks
- applying technical skills in animal care including:
 - preparing and providing food and water
 - grooming
 - counting stock
- recognising common animal behaviours and determining required response
- recognise and adapt appropriately to cultural differences in the workplace, including modes of behaviour and interaction with staff and others
- recognise limitations, ask for help and seek clarification or information about work requirements and procedures
- demonstrate appropriate initiative to deal with problems or refer them where appropriate to relevant person, and complete tasks
- apply time-management skills

- use basic interpersonal and communication skills, including listening, questioning and receiving feedback
- use routine capture and restraint procedures
- work cooperatively and collaboratively with others to complete tasks

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- basic principles of animal ethics and welfare
- codes of practice relating to work requirements
- diseases and pests, disease prevention and routine health care
- feeding and watering procedures
- hazards in the workplace
- health and safety requirements relating to care of animals
- capture and restraint procedures
- techniques for grooming animals
- common animal behaviours and appropriate responses
- quarantine requirements
- terminology relevant to animal care

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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