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AHCCMN201 Contribute to animal care through work activities

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Modification History

Release	TP Version	Comment
1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

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>