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AHCDER501 Comply with deer industry national velvet accreditation requirements

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to implement the National Velvet Accreditation Scheme (NVAS) to an enterprise.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes.

This unit applies to activities performed by velvet producers or their staff in accordance with the requirements of the National Velvet Accreditation Scheme.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Deer (DER)

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 Demonstrate knowledge of deer velvet industry requirements	1.1 Identify and apply relevant legislation and codes of practice to deer farm activities and in particular to deer velveting 1.2 Identify and implement industry accreditation and quality assurance schemes 1.3 Establish and maintain relationships with external parties 1.4 Establish and maintain a bona fide legal relationship with a registered veterinarian 1.5 Establish and maintain record keeping system

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2 Apply knowledge of industry-accredited deer velveting process	2.1 Handle animals according to work health and safety, biosecurity and animal welfare requirements 2.2 Select and use restraint facilities and equipment suitable for handling animals for velvet harvesting 2.3 Establish and follow stag and buck management process before and after velveting 2.4 Determine deer antler growth rates and optimum time for cutting 2.5 Identify drugs and equipment used in velveting and calculate dosage rates 2.6 Ensure velvet for sale or export are identified using NVAS tags or NVAS Statutory Declaration Forms 2.7 Establish human emergency response procedures

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency. 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 AHC DER501A Comply with deer industry national velvet accreditation requirements.

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 AHC DER501 Comply with deer industry national velvet accreditation requirements

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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 the NVAS to own enterprise
- establish and maintain a bona fide client-veterinarian relationship
- apply relevant state and territory legislation and industry codes of practice as they relate to own enterprise
- demonstrate knowledge of legal aspects of possession and use of approved drugs
- establish systems to satisfy the Deer Industry Association of Australia's (DIAA's) quality assurance program
- implement enterprise work health and safety, biosecurity and animal welfare policies

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- animal welfare issues and legislation relating to velvet antler harvesting
- basic and applied principles of anatomy, physiology, pain control and pharmacology relevant to velvet harvesting
- DIAA's NVAS and quality assurance program
- definitions and requirements with respect to veterinary supervision and legal responsibilities of deer producers and veterinarians
- drug withholding periods and tissue residues
- management of deer before and after velveting
- nature of a bona fide legal relationship
- principles and process of velveting, including potential complications
- relevant action of drugs used for velveting on body function, and detrimental results of drug administration
- relevant legislation relating to restricted drugs

- work health and safety legislation, codes of practice and enterprise requirements

Assessment Conditions

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace or simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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