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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 6.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that, on at least one occasion, the individual has:

- evaluated natural resource wildlife emergency
- implemented and coordinated response to emergency in accordance with workplace procedures and health and safety requirements
- followed workplace procedures to ensure the safety of the wildlife, personnel and the general public
- determined management options, including returning animal to wild or temporary captive management, according to authority and workplace policies and procedures
- followed instructions from veterinarians or authorities to care for animal
- removed and disposed of animal carcasses in accordance with authority instructions
- completed debrief and prepared reports to workplace standards
- applied workplace health and safety policies and procedures when implementing emergency plans
- applied appropriate animal welfare practices.

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:

- health risks associated with working near animals, including:
 - personal and public safety
 - handling animals
 - animal care
- public relations and media management for disseminating information on wildlife emergencies
- investigating wildlife emergencies, including:

- assessing and responding to eyewitness accounts
- conducting personal investigations and interviews
- options for managing wildlife emergencies, including:
 - interim captive care
 - permanent captive care
 - return to wild
- incident management systems and their application to wildlife emergencies, including:
 - communication strategies
 - resources and personnel required for effective response
 - methods for relocating living wildlife
 - collection, documentation and disposal of dead animals
 - briefing and coordination with personnel and volunteers
- animal care and first aid
- state/territory and local wildlife emergency authorities and organisations
- roles and responsibilities of veterinary support in wildlife rescue
- methods for banding and tagging of fauna
- potential environmental and biosecurity risks associated with wildlife rescue operations
- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant codes of practice
- legislative and regulatory requirements governing wildlife emergencies and care.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - wildlife in an emergency situation
 - personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - policies, procedures and processes for managing wildlife emergencies
 - access to legislation and codes of practice related to wildlife.

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=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>