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Modification History

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

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:

- implement predator control strategies
- prepare birthing environment, materials and resources to industry standards
- recognise signs of imminent birthing of animals
- apply contingency measures for birthing in the event of adverse weather conditions
- monitor birthing and provide assistance if required or refer on if birthing difficulties require veterinary assistance
- recognise abnormalities in newborn animals
- provide a non threatening environment and access to adequate feed and water immediately post birthing.
- carry out animal husbandry procedures associated with birthing
- monitor animal condition and recognise abnormal behaviour
- provide due care and handle animals humanely in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
- maintain a safe and secure post-birthing environment
- select birthing equipment and materials and check for operation
- demonstrate safe and environmentally responsible workplace practices
- identify hazards and use safe work practices in the birthing environment
- communicate abnormalities, equipment faults and workplace hazards and report and maintain animal records

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- relevant animal behaviour, basic health and nutritional requirements
- birthing environment requirements for animals

- birthing equipment and materials, their components and functions
- birthing intervention and non-intervention strategies
- effects of adverse weather conditions on birthing process and newborn animals
- effects of inadequate nutrition on animals and newborn
- enterprise policies with regard to treating animals, recording and reporting routines
- environmental impacts and minimisation measures associated with animal production
- hazards associated with handling animals
- relevant livestock gestation and appropriate birthing and husbandry procedures
- personal protective clothing and equipment and when and how it should be used
- problems associated with birthing and remedial treatment
- procedures for cleaning and maintaining treatment equipment and materials
- predator behaviour and control procedures
- relevant State/Territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice with regard to work health and safety and animal welfare.

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.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

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