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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 7.0.

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has carried out birthing duties on at least three separate occasions, and has:

- recognised signs of imminent birthing of animals
- monitored animal condition and recognised abnormal behaviour
- prepared environment, materials and resources to industry standards
- followed relevant workplace health and safety and environmental and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- maintained a safe and secure environment
- provided due care and handled animals humanely according to workplace animal welfare and hygiene practices
- provided a non-threatening environment and access to appropriate feed and water
- implemented predator control measures
- monitored birthing and provided assistance if required or referred on if birthing difficulties require veterinary assistance
- carried out animal husbandry procedures associated with birthing
- recognised abnormalities in newborn animals
- reported and maintained animal birth records
- selected equipment and materials and checked for safe operation.

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:

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for carrying out birthing duties, including appropriate use of personal protective equipment (PPE)

- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to carrying out birthing duties
- principles and practices of animal birthing duties, including:
 - relevant animal behaviour, basic health and nutritional requirements of animals and newborn
 - birthing environment requirements for animals
 - equipment and materials, their components and functions
 - birthing intervention and non-intervention strategies
 - effects of adverse weather conditions on birthing process and newborn animals
 - workplace policies with regard to treating animals, recording and reporting routines
 - relevant livestock gestation and appropriate birthing and husbandry procedures
 - problems associated with birthing and remedial treatment
 - use of antibiotics and other medicine after birthing, including dosage, delivery routes and contraindications
 - procedures for cleaning and maintaining treatment equipment and materials
 - predator behaviour and control measures
 - animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and procedures and hygiene practices relevant to carrying out birthing duties.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to carrying out birthing duties
 - materials, equipment, and resources applicable to carrying out birthing duties for the animal species
 - pregnant livestock
 - PPE applicable to carrying out birthing duties
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for carrying out birthing duties
 - environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to carrying out birthing duties
 - industry standards, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for animal welfare applicable to carrying out birthing duties
 - hygiene practices applicable to carrying out birthing duties
- relationships:
 - supervisor
- timeframes:

- according to job requirements.

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>