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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Release 11.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to apply animal welfare principles to the handling and husbandry of animals to ensure their welfare.

The unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy with some accountability for their own work. They identify and provide solutions to a limited range of predictable problems.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace, and animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and sustainability and biosecurity practices.

In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Identify animal welfare requirements	1.1 Identify legislative, regulatory and industry animal welfare requirements 1.2 Identify the principles and practices of animal welfare
2. Comply with animal welfare requirements	2.1 Identify and apply workplace health and safety procedures 2.2 Handle livestock using good stock handling techniques and according to workplace animal welfare practices 2.3 Perform animal husbandry activities according to animal welfare practices 2.4 Recognise animal welfare issues and report to supervisor 2.5 Take appropriate corrective action as instructed by supervisor 2.6 Record workplace animal welfare concerns and actions taken according to workplace procedures
3. Participate in animal welfare process	3.1 Participate in animal welfare induction programs and training 3.2 Participate in animal welfare emergency training

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Writing	Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to record workplace animal welfare concerns and actions taken
Oral communication	- Use clear language to report animal welfare issues - Respond to questions and clarify information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current release	Code and title previous release	Comments	Equivalence status
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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 applied animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock on at least two occasions, and has:

- followed relevant workplace health and safety legislation, regulations and workplace procedures
- identified animal welfare requirements in relevant legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines, and workplace procedures and practices
- handled livestock using good stock handling techniques
- applied animal welfare practices to animal husbandry activities
- recognised and reported animal welfare issues to supervisor
- participated in animal welfare induction and emergency training.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate 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 applying animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock
- animal welfare legislation, regulations, standards and guidelines
- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant standards and guidelines
- animal welfare procedures and animal emergency procedures
- procedures for reporting and recording animal welfare concerns, non-compliance and malpractice in the workplace
- good stock handling techniques.

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 applying animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock
 - livestock
- specifications:
 - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for applying animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock
 - legislation, regulations, standards, guidelines and procedures for applying animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock
- relationships:
 - supervisor
- time frames:
 - according to job requirements.

Assessment of this unit must be conducted on live animals.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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