



Australian Government

AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition

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Modification History

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Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 2.0.
Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to feed and care for animals through the latter stages of pregnancy to birthing.

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

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts.

All units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify and provide animal nutritional needs	1.1 Identify nutritional needs of pregnant animals and confirmed against the feeding plan

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	1.2 Determine and provide feed supplements as required 1.3 Implement procedures to minimise feed wastage and spillage, and dispose and recycle feed waste 1.4 Identify hazards, assess risks and implement control measures
2. Monitor feeding process	2.1 Monitor grazing and supplementary feeding to ensure animals are maintained in the required condition 2.2 Record and report feeding abnormalities 2.3 Identify and assess environmental implications associated with animal production and implement relevant measures
3. Maintain a secure environment for animals	3.1 Monitor and maintain condition and security of paddocks, shelter and housing 3.2 Carry out basic repair work and report 3.3 Assess risk of predators to newborn animals and report in line with workplace procedures 3.4 Implement environmentally responsible measures to eradicate or control identified predators
4. Carry out animal husbandry procedures	4.1 Prepare animals for birthing 4.2 Determine and administer preventative health treatments 4.3 Prepare and administer contingency measures as required 4.4 Provide protection from weather for newborn animals 4.5 Apply enterprise animal welfare policies to all livestock husbandry and handling activities

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
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Assessment Requirements for AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition

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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:

- match supply of grazing or predetermined rations to nutritional requirements for pregnant animals
- monitor animal health and condition and recognise abnormalities
- carry out animal husbandry procedures, and provide due care and handle animals humanely in line with enterprise animal welfare policies
- maintain animal shelter and housing where applicable
- administer preventative health treatments
- implement contingency measures in the event of adverse weather or birthing difficulties
- employ safe and environmentally responsible systems and procedures with regard to the handling of animals, feed, hazardous substances and predator control strategies
- read and interpret manufacturers specifications, work and feeding plans, and Safety Data Sheets
- assess and calculate herd/flock numbers, measure feed, assess rate and frequency of feeding, and calculate animal gestation
- apply relevant work health and safety requirements

Knowledge Evidence

The candidate must demonstrate knowledge of:

- physiological and behavioural signs of impending birth
- animal behaviour and nutritional requirements of pregnant animals
- pasture and animal grazing management

- feed and feed supplements for pregnant animals and when to provide them
- effects of weather conditions, and inadequate nutrition on pregnant animals and their newborn
- preventative health treatments, procedures and methods
- animal husbandry procedures
- environmental impact of animals on ground cover and minimisation measures
- hazards associated with handling animals and veterinarian medicines and chemicals
- State/Territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice with regard to work health and safety, animal welfare and poisons
- predators and behaviour patterns and control and eradication measures
- relevant licensing and permit requirements (firearms)
- enterprise policies with regard to birthing animals, recording and reporting routines.
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Assessment Conditions

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

Assessors must satisfy current standards for RTOs.

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