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Release 2	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.
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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 on at least one occasion the individual has demonstrated that they have applied animal trapping techniques, including:

- determined objectives for trapping and confirmed target animal characteristics and trapping location and size
- estimated trapping period and identified, selected and prepared baits, equipment, traps and transport for trapping activities
- set and trapped animals humanely and released or destroyed animals according to workplace procedures and animal welfare code of practice
- identified presence of target and non-target animals
- identified environmental, health and safety in the workplace hazards, risks and applied controls according to workplace and environmental procedures
- checked method of transport, equipment and materials for serviceability and cleaned equipment before and after trapping activities
- selected, prepared and restored trapping site during trapping activities
- positioned, set, calibrated and checking trapping equipment according to workplace procedures
- applied lures or baits according to trapping plan
- selected, used and stored baits or toxins according to workplace procedures
- inspected traps in a timely manner and handled and euthanised captured animals in accordance with workplace procedures and animal welfare practices
- maintained records using global positioning system data
- summarised and presented trapping data and reports according to workplace procedures
- cleaned and stored equipment and carcasses using approved chemicals according to safety data sheets (SDS) and workplace procedures to minimise biosecurity risks.

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:

- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals described in the relevant Codes of Practice
- purpose for trapping the animal
- target animals and non-target animals
- target animal's range, movement patterns and behaviour and how to apply knowledge of these to selecting trapping location and equipment
- reproductive cycle of the target animal to determine appropriate timing of trapping activities
- food preferences, both general and local, of target animals
- capture and kill points for target animals
- traps and techniques for target animals
- permissions that may be required to undertake trapping
- principles relating to property, stock and duty of care when trapping
- precautions that need to be taken to minimise trapping of non-target animals
- trap camouflage materials and techniques
- trap types, setting and operating release to render them inactive
- health and safety in the workplace procedures that relate to trapping animals
- recording and reporting requirements
- use of decoys and lures
- baits or toxins types and preparation
- applicable state or territory legislation on the use and storage of baits or toxins
- applicable legislation on the capture and handling of animals
- suitable personal protective equipment
- transportation methods for captured animals.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in the field or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live animals in the field
 - traps appropriate to trapping technique required
 - baits, lures or poisons relevant to trapping context
 - methods of transport relevant to trapping context
 - cleaning products
- specifications:

- workplace documents including plans, procedures, records and forms
- workplace instructions or briefs
- specific regulations and animal welfare codes of practice
- technical information and resources applicable to pest
- specific SDS
- relationships:
 - • supervisor.

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

In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit if firearms are used to destroy animals:

- must possess firearms licences
- appropriate experience in using firearms for pest control.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>