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AHCWRK103 Contribute to animal care

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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to identify what animal care means in a workplace and how the individual's responsibilities contribute to animal care as a whole within a specific workplace or industry.

The unit applies to individuals who contribute to animal care while working alongside a supervisor, exercising limited autonomy within established and well-known parameters. They identify and seek help with simple problems.

The unit is designed for use in a Pathway qualification or skill set. It should not be used in a qualification that has a direct job outcome.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Work (WRK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify and confirm appropriate animal care approach	1.1 Identify workplace approach to working with animals 1.2 Identify individual responsibilities in contributing to animal care 1.3 Identify workplace products, services, operations and customers 1.4 Identify safe work practices relevant to work activity

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	1.5 Identify appropriate capture and restraint requirements and equipment, where required 1.6 Confirm with supervisor animal care strategy based on workplace requirements and individual responsibility, and apply to work activity
2. Contribute to animal care	2.1 Organise food preparation equipment according to task needs and supervisor instructions 2.2 Recognise common animal behaviours for the species and take appropriate action as directed 2.3 Provide feed, water and care for animals according to animal welfare standards, workplace health and safety requirements and supervisor instructions 2.4 Select and use tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions 2.5 Count stock levels as directed 2.6 Groom animals according to supervisor instructions
3. Communicate progress of animal care activities	3.1 Respond to requests that affect work activity and animal care 3.2 Seek supervisor assistance with issues relating to animal care when required 3.3 Inform supervisor on progress of animal care activity
4. Reflect on animal care procedures	4.1 Reflect on personal performance in relation to working with animals, and discuss possible improvements with supervisor 4.2 Apply improvements to work practice as directed 4.3 Identify possible improvements to animal care procedures, and discuss with supervisor

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
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Oral communication	• Use clear language and standard industry terminology to clarify instructions and communicate with supervisor • Participate in verbal exchanges to share knowledge and information and discuss possible improvements with supervisor
Numeracy	• Count and record stock levels

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCWRK103 Contribute to animal care	AHCCMN201 Contribute to animal care through work activities	Minor changes to unit title, application and sector Indicative AQF level adjusted Major and minor changes to performance criteria Foundation skills added Major and minor edits to performance and knowledge evidence and assessment conditions	Not equivalent

Links

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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 contributed to animal care on at least one occasion and has:

- applied basic principles of animal ethics and welfare
- applied workplace health and safety requirements, animal welfare standards and environmental protection procedures and requirements applicable to contributing to animal care
- identified and used equipment, tools and other technology required to complete workplace tasks
- followed supervisor instructions
- applied technical skills in animal care
- recognised limitations, asked for help and sought clarification or information about work requirements and procedures
- applied animal observation skills.

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 principles of animal ethics and welfare
- terminology relevant to animal care
- workplace animal capture and restraint procedures
- feeding and watering procedures
- common animal behaviours and appropriate responses
- codes of practice relating to work requirements
- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for contributing to animal care
- techniques for grooming animals.

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:
 - tools, materials and equipment applicable to animal care activities
 - workplace animal capture and restraint procedures
- specifications:
 - workplace health and safety legislation, regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures relevant to contributing to animal care
 - workplace documents and procedures relevant to contributing to animal care
- relationships:
 - supervisor.

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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