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AHCDER501A Comply with deer industry national velvet accreditation requirements

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers complying with deer industry national velvet accreditation requirements and defines the standards required to: apply the National Velvet Accreditation Scheme (NVAS) to own enterprise; establish and maintain a bona fide client-veterinarian relationship; apply relevant state and territory legislation and industry codes of practice as they relate to own enterprise; demonstrate knowledge of legal aspects of possession and use of approved drugs; establish systems to satisfy the Deer Industry Association of Australia (DIAA) Quality Assurance (QA) program.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit applies deer farm managers.
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Licensing/Regulatory Information

Not Applicable

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units		

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills	This unit contains employability skills.
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Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Not Applicable

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Demonstrate knowledge of deer velvet industry requirements	1.1. Relevant legislation and codes of practice are identified and applied to deer farm activities and in particular to deer velveting. 1.2. Industry accreditation and quality assurance schemes are identified and implemented according to industry requirements. 1.3. Relationships with external parties are established and maintained. 1.4. A bona fide legal relationship with a registered veterinarian is established and maintained. 1.5. Record keeping system is established and maintained according to industry and legislative requirements.
2. Apply knowledge of industry-accredited deer velveting process	2.1. Animals are handled according to Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and animal welfare requirements. 2.2. Restraint facilities and equipment suitable for handling animals for velvet harvesting are selected and used. 2.3. Stag/buck management process is established and followed before and after velveting. 2.4. Deer antler growth rates and optimum time for cutting are determined. 2.5. Relevant drugs and equipment used in velveting are identified and dosage rates are calculated. 2.6. Human emergency response procedures are established according to legislative and organisational requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- Comply with deer industry national velvet accreditation requirements applies to the outcomes of drug administration
- complying with the NVAAS and quality assurance program of the DIAA
- dealing with aggressive or difficult animals
- during velveting, recognising signs of stress and pain and their effect and taking appropriate action

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- implementing emergency response procedures such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- using handling and restraint facilities and equipment
- use literacy skills to fulfil job roles as required by the organisation. The level of skill may range from reading and understanding documentation to completion of written reports
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation including questioning, active listening, asking for clarification, negotiating solutions and responding to a range of views
- use numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record complex workplace measures
- use interpersonal skills to work with others and relate to people from a range of cultural, social and religious backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- animal welfare issues and legislation relating to velvet antler harvesting
- basic and applied principles of anatomy, physiology, pain control and pharmacology relevant to velvet harvesting
- DIAA's NVAS and quality assurance program
- definitions and requirements with respect to veterinary supervision and legal responsibilities of deer producers and veterinarians
- drug withholding periods and tissue residues
- management of deer before and after velveting
- nature of a bona fide legal relationship
- principles and process of velveting, including potential complications
- relevant action of drugs used for velveting on body function, and detrimental results of drug administration
- relevant legislation relating to restricted drugs
- OHS legislation, codes of practice and enterprise requirements.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Overview of assessment

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy holistically all of the requirements of the performance criteria and required skills and knowledge and include achievement of the following:

- apply the NVAS to own enterprise
- establish and maintain a bona fide client-veterinarian relationship
- apply relevant state and territory legislation and industry codes of practice as they relate to own enterprise
- demonstrate knowledge of legal aspects of possession and use of approved drugs
- establish systems to satisfy the DIAA's quality assurance program.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Competency requires the application of work practices under work conditions. Selection and use of resources for some worksites may differ due to the regional or enterprise circumstances. The candidate must also have access to the following resources:

- supervision by a registered veterinarian
- relevant legislation and industry codes of practice
- organisational policies and procedures
- facilities, materials and equipment for velveting normally available on a deer farm, including:
 - access to deer
 - drug charts
 - drugs and equipment for velveting
 - biohazard sharps container
 - record keeping system
 - freezer and storage facilities for harvested velvet
 - velvet grading chart
 - grading equipment and NVAS tags.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Animals may include:	all breeds of deer covered by the NVAS and quality assurance program of the DIAA.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Deer
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

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