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AHCLSK316A Prepare livestock for competition

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of preparing and training livestock for competitive showing and defines the standard required to: plan for and provide livestock feed and water requirements; prepare livestock to competition standards; train livestock for showing, parade and present livestock for show.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	This unit is likely to be carried out under routine supervision within enterprise guidelines.
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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

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ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

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1. Follow instructions to prepare livestock for showing	1.1.Livestock are identified and prepared for showing according to enterprise instructions. 1.2.Feed and water supplies are monitored and replenished, as required and feed records are maintained to enterprise requirements. 1.3.Health and welfare status of livestock is monitored and abnormalities are promptly reported according to enterprise requirements. 1.4.Facilities are monitored and maintained, and existing and potential Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) hazards are recognised, risk assessed and reported to the supervisor.
2. Handle and groom livestock prior to competition	2.1.Appropriate handling and grooming equipment is selected, checked and used according to instructions and manufacturer's specifications. 2.2.Livestock are groomed for showing to competition standard according to instructions and enterprise requirements. 2.3.Livestock are conditioned to human handling and trained to the standard required for show handling and performance. 2.4.Handling procedures are conducted with minimum stress and discomfort to livestock, and maximum safety for livestock, handlers and other parties according to OHS and animal welfare requirements.
3. Present livestock	3.1.Equipment to be used in showing is checked for correct operation and prepared for presentation requirements. 3.2.Livestock are presented using handling techniques to exhibit livestock to best advantage according to competition and enterprise requirements. 3.3.Instructions and requests from competition officials are complied with. 3.4.Relevant information is reported and recorded according to enterprise requirements.

Required Skills and Knowledge

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

Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe work procedures
- comply with animal welfare requirements
- calculate livestock numbers and measure feed and water quantities
- demonstrate safe workplace practices
- groom livestock to competition standards
- maintain livestock facilities and handling equipment
- observe and describe the behaviour of livestock
- read and interpret written information, receive and comprehend oral information, write basic statements and maintain livestock records
- restrain, handle and groom livestock using safe and humane methods and procedures
- use oral communication skills/language competence to fulfil the job role as specified by the organisation, including questioning techniques, active listening, clarifying information and consulting with supervisors as required
- use interpersonal skills to work with and relate to people from a range of cultural, social and religious backgrounds and with a range of physical and mental abilities.

Required knowledge

- competition requirements for grooming, handling and presentation
- components and functions of handling equipment
- handling techniques, restraint methods and when to use them
- livestock grooming and training techniques (to lead and stand correctly)
- livestock health and nutritional requirements
- preparation and maintenance requirements for livestock facilities and equipment
- livestock movement and behavioural characteristics in handling and confined areas
- OHS and animal welfare legislative 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: • plan for and provide livestock feed and water requirements • prepare livestock to competition standards • train livestock for showing • parade and present livestock for show.
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.

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT	
The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole.	
Animals may include:	• sheep • cattle • horses • goats • alpacas • pigs.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Livestock
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Co-requisite units

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Competency field

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