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AHCPRK302A Treat rectal prolapse in pigs

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

Unit descriptor	This unit covers the process of treating rectal prolapse in pigs and defines the standard required to: respond to signs of rectal prolapse; treat rectal prolapse; report on rectal prolapse.
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Application of the Unit

Application of the unit	The treating of rectal prolapse in pigs is carried out independently under workplace direction.
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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. Respond to signs of rectal prolapse	1.1.Symptoms of rectal prolapse are identified. 1.2.Pig is removed from pen. 1.3.Treatment required to repair prolapse is determined based on severity of injury and enterprise standard operating procedures. 1.4.Outbreaks of rectal prolapse in a herd are notified to management according to enterprise standard operating procedures.
2. Treat rectal prolapse	2.1.Minor prolapses are replaced and retained as directed by veterinary advice. 2.2.Large prolapses are reduced by gentle hand pressure before suturing. 2.3.Badly torn prolapses are replaced and pig is moved to hospital pen. 2.4.Rectal strictures are recognised and treated according to enterprise standard operating procedures. 2.5.Antibiotics are administered to pigs with rectal prolapse where required by enterprise standard operating procedures.
3. Report on rectal prolapse	3.1.Incidents and treatments are reported to supervisor according to enterprise standard operating procedures. 3.2.Possible mechanisms for prolapse are reported to supervisor. 3.3.Modifications to pig management are undertaken to reduce incidence of rectal prolapse.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

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

Required skills

- identify hazards and implement safe work procedures
- apply animal welfare practices
- respond to signs of rectal prolapse
- treat rectal prolapse

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- report on rectal prolapse
- use literacy skills to read, interpret and follow organisational policies and procedures, follow sequenced written instructions, record accurately and legible information collected and select and apply procedures for a range of tasks
- 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 numeracy skills to estimate, calculate and record routine workplace measures
- 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

- pig health and physiology
- symptoms of prolapse and associated problems
- treatments for rectal prolapse
- post treatment requirements
- enterprise standard operating procedures in respect to rectal prolapse
- animal welfare code of practices.

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: • respond to signs of rectal prolapse • treat rectal prolapse • report on rectal prolapse.
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.	
Pigs may include:	• all breeds and types of commercial pigs.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit sector	Pork production
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Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units		

Competency field

Competency field	
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