



Australian Government

CSCDOG007 Train dogs in agility work

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Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This unit was released in CSC Correctional Services Training Package release 1.0 and meets the Standards for Training Packages. This unit supersedes and is equivalent to CSCDH407A Train dogs in agility work.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to develop a training plan for a dog/handler team; train dogs for agility work; maintain equipment used in training; and record and report on dog progress.

This unit outlines the performance standards for those working in a dog/handler team training dogs for agility, or training a dog/handler team. This unit may be contextualised to meet the needs of the organisation, particularly with regard to organisational policies and needs.

The skills and knowledge described in this unit must be applied within the legislative, regulatory and policy environment in which they are carried out. Organisational policies and procedures must be consulted and adhered to, particularly those related to the training and handling of dogs.

A person undertaking this unit would usually work autonomously using support from mostly familiar resources. The role requires complex task organisation and application of moderate analytical skills.

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

Competency Field

Dog handling

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Elements describe the essential outcomes	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the range of conditions section.

1. Develop a plan for training	1.1 Assess the training needs of the dog/handler team. 1.2 Develop a training plan that addresses the unique needs, strengths and weaknesses of the team. 1.3 Schedule training program to meet priority needs within the organisation.
2. Apply methods for developing skill in agility work	2.1 Use organisation's approved dog training methods. 2.2 Adapt equipment and exercise requirements to suit the capabilities and physical development of the individual dog. 2.3 Maintain a regular training pattern, giving opportunities for practising new or difficult skills. 2.4 Assess the dog's response to training without delay.
3. Maintain equipment used for agility work	3.1 Use and maintain training equipment appropriately. 3.2 Repair and/or replace faulty or hazardous equipment. 3.3 Record and report all equipment that needs repair or replacement.
4. Record and report on the progress of dog	4.1 Complete training records for dogs as required by the organisation. 4.2 Report dog's progress to appropriate people. 4.3 Review training plan to reflect the changing needs of the team and organisation.

Foundation Skills

The foundation skills demands of this unit have been mapped for alignment with the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). The following tables outline the performance levels indicated for successful attainment of the unit.

ACSF levels indicative of performance:

1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Learning					Reading					Writing					Oral communication					Numeracy				
Performance variables																								
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Support					Context					Text complexity					Task complexity									

Further information on ACSF and the foundation skills underpinning this unit can be found in the [Foundation Skills Guide](#) <http://www.govskills.com.au/guides/correctional-services/foundation-skills-guide> on the GSA website.

Unit Mapping Information

Supersedes and is equivalent to CSCDH407A Train dogs in agility work.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=114e25cd-3a2c-4490-baae-47d68dcd2fde>

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Assessment Requirements for CSCDOG007 Train dogs in agility work

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1	These Assessment Requirements were released in CSC Correctional Services Training Package release 1.0 and meet the Standards for Training Packages.

Please refer to the advice in the CSC Assessment Guide.

Performance Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the candidate must demonstrate evidence of performance of the following on at least one occasion.

- using humane methods of training dogs
- writing training plans
- assessing dog performance and areas for improvement
- scheduling training effectively
- working with dogs in environments determined by the organisation
- working independently and in teams to train and develop the capabilities of dogs for agility work
- collecting, analysing and organising information to produce records and reports required by the organisation, work unit standards and animal welfare authorities

Knowledge Evidence

Evidence required to demonstrate competence must satisfy all of the requirements of the elements and performance criteria. If not otherwise specified the depth of knowledge demonstrated must be appropriate to the job context of the candidate.

- enabling legislation and regulations, and animal health and welfare requirements affecting working dogs in organisational situations
- organisation's policies and procedures related to the use of dogs for agility work
- conditioning principles and appropriate methods of rewarding the dog for exhibiting required behaviour
- humane and positive training methods that reinforce natural behaviour and maintain the working skills and enthusiasm of the dog
- needs of the organisation with regard to dog agility performance
- responses that dogs should give to voice commands and hand signals
- basic first aid techniques that can be used to treat injured dogs

- records and reports required by legislative authorities, the organisation, work unit and animal welfare authorities

Assessment Conditions

Evidence for assessment must be gathered over time in a range of contexts to ensure the person can achieve the unit outcome and apply the competency in different situations or environments.

Valid assessment of this unit requires a workplace environment or one that closely resembles normal work practice and replicates the range of conditions likely to be encountered while training dogs in agility work, including coping with difficulties, irregularities and changes to routine. This unit contains knowledge which may be assessed off the job, for example, in a structured learning process.

Assessors must satisfy the NVR/AQTF mandatory competency requirements for assessors.

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