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HLTPOP032 Monitor and maintain dog health in the community

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Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to monitor dog health and dog population in the community and develop the necessary strategies and plans to address issues of concern.

This unit applies to work in a public health context and workers at this level will work under supervision and within defined guidelines.

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

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Monitor dog health and dog population in the community.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1. Discuss the need to monitor dog health and population with dog owners and community members to gain support.
- 1.2. Consult with dog owners and community members to gather information on the health, population and condition of dogs.
- 1.3. Record all findings in accordance with organisation guidelines and procedures.
- 1.4. Report nature and extent of problem in accordance with organisation guidelines and procedures.

2. Contribute to a dog health and dog population control plan.
 - 2.1. Discuss possible strategies for dog health and population control with other staff, community and relevant others.
 - 2.2. Analyse preferred strategies to determine feasibility and appropriateness to the community.
 - 2.3. Negotiate options with dog owners and community members.
 - 2.4. Support the establishment of a plan of action with other staff, community and relevant others.
 - 2.5. Identify the roles and responsibilities of self, other staff, community and other key people in the strategies discussed.
 - 2.6. Contribute to the coordination of the plan in accordance with job role organisational requirements.
3. Implement dog health and dog population control plan.
 - 3.1. Apply safe work practices and procedures in performing own role in accordance with the dog health and dog population control plan.
 - 3.2. Assist community, organisation and relevant key people with implementation of their roles in accordance with the plan.
 - 3.3. Maintain and access effective networks which contribute to the achievement of the plan.
 - 3.4. Record results in relation to the implementation of the plan in accordance with organisation policy and procedure.
 - 3.5. Implement follow-up measures to maintain community dog health and dog population control.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

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Assessment Requirements for HLTPOP032 Monitor and maintain dog health in the community

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Performance Evidence

Evidence of the ability to complete tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit in the context of the job role, and:

- collaborate with at least one community to gain support and approval to develop and implement dog health and dog population monitoring strategies and control plans, including consulting with at least two dog owners and other key stakeholders.

Knowledge Evidence

Demonstrated knowledge required to complete the tasks outlined in elements and performance criteria of this unit:

- organisational requirements relating to dog health and population needs, including:
 - national, State or Territory and local health policies, goals, targets and priorities relevant to identifying health needs
 - scope of own role and responsibilities
 - key people or agency responsibilities
 - points of contact to assist with the implementation of strategies which are outside own area of responsibility
- common dog diseases, including:
 - flea infestation
 - tick infestation
 - worm infestation
 - infected sores or wounds

- mange
- eye and ear infections
- ringworm infection
- hydatid tapeworm infection
- hookworm infection
- factors that can lead or contribute to dogs becoming unhealthy, including:
 - hungry dogs
 - too many dogs
 - dogs whose nutritional requirements are not met
 - dogs that are not properly groomed and checked regularly for conditions such as fleas, ticks, ringworms, sores and wounds
 - dogs that are not treated for conditions that may cause infection and affect their health
 - dogs without access to clean and dry shelter
 - dogs that are not wormed and immunised
- potential health issues in relation to dogs and population health, including:
 - secondary injury as a result of bites from aggressive dogs
 - potential disease risks and infections from dog bites, including tetanus
 - community members giving food to dogs and going without themselves
 - dogs as vectors or carriers of disease, including when dog plays in sewage waste and then plays with or licks children
 - allergies due to dog mange causing or contributing to skin disease
 - gastrointestinal infections
 - roundworm and hookworm larval migration
- the roles and responsibilities of community, dog owner, organisations and other key people or specialists in the implementation of the plan
- strategies to monitor dog health and dog population in the community and to develop the necessary plans to address issues of concern, including:
 - nutritional food sources
 - the provision of clean and dry shelter
 - dog health issues:
 - flea and tick treatment
 - wound and sore treatment
 - mange treatment
 - eye and ear infection treatment
 - immunising and worming dogs
 - washing dogs
 - seeking help and support for sick dogs
 - reducing the number of internal and external parasites
 - dog sterilisation and contraception
 - euthanasia

- cultural issues which may impact on strategies
- culturally appropriate information provision
- traditional and non-traditional responsibilities and benefits of owning a dog.

Assessment Conditions

Skills must be demonstrated in the workplace or in a simulated environment that reflects workplace conditions.

Where simulation is used, it must reflect real working conditions by modelling industry operating conditions and contingencies.

Assessment must ensure access to:

- suitable facilities, equipment and resources.

Assessors must satisfy the Standards for Registered Training Organisations' requirements for assessors.

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