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RGRROP404 Perform duties of veterinarian at race meetings or trials

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide race meeting veterinary advice to stewards on the health, welfare and fitness of race greyhounds or horses. It includes knowledge of relevant rules of racing, preparing for race meetings, making pre-race and post-race assessments of greyhounds or horses, providing advice to stewards and providing emergency care to animals.

The unit applies to individuals who are qualified veterinarians with recognised experience in the management and care of racing greyhounds or horses, and who are licensed to practise veterinary medicine in the nominated state.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant controlling body or Principal Racing Authority (PRA) for current licence, accreditation or registration requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Racing performance (ROP)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for race meeting	1.1 Confirm date, times and duties with race club or PRA 1.2 Confirm billing system with race club or PRA

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	1.3 Review rules of racing applicable to veterinary practices 1.4 Prepare supplies of first aid and emergency medications and equipment, including personal protective equipment 1.5 Advise stewards of veterinarian presence on course
2. Monitor greyhounds or horses during race meetings	2.1 Carry out pre-race and post-race assessment of greyhounds or horses at the request of stewards and/or trainer or after observation of signs of distress, illness, injury or abnormal behaviour 2.2 Collect pre-race and post-race blood and/or other samples as directed by stewards according to procedures and relevant rules of racing 2.3 Provide advice on the impact of adverse weather conditions on the health, welfare and management of greyhounds or horses to stewards and/or trainers 2.4 Observe race and post-race activities and examine and treat greyhounds or horses of concern, and report results to stewards
3. Provide emergency care to greyhounds or horses	3.1 Assess emergency care situation and resource requirements, including any assistance needed from staff on track 3.2 Carry out emergency care to greyhounds or horses 3.3 Provide written reports to stewards of any injuries and conditions suffered and any treatment provided to greyhounds or horses according to relevant racing code protocols and practices
4. Comply with euthanasia procedures	4.1 Report reasons for decision to euthanase greyhound or horse to stewards and personnel connected with the animal 4.2 Move greyhound or horse to private location if possible or screen area from public view 4.3 Verify and record identification of animal 4.4 Select euthanasia method and administer with consideration to staff safety, greyhound or horse welfare and the rules of racing 4.5 Confirm death of greyhound or horse 4.6 Take samples for testing or perform post-mortem 4.7 Coordinate arrangements with stewards, race club staff and greyhound or horse connections for removal of deceased animal 4.8 Provide written report on incident, including reasons for

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	decision to euthanase and outcomes of post-mortem tests, to stewards

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret and consolidate key information, including rules of racing and race club procedures
Writing	Use clear language and accurate industry and/or medical terminology for reporting and recording animal injury and treatment information
Numeracy	Perform calculations and measurements to determine medication doses
Navigate the world of work	- Follow workplace procedures, including WHS, animal welfare and first aid requirements, and meet expectations relating to own role and responsibilities - Maintain racing code requirements for confidentiality
Interact with others	Follow accepted industry practices and communication protocols for working with stewards, racing officials and other personnel
Get the work done	- Respond quickly to requests from stewards or other racing officials - Judge situations, often under pressure, and take appropriate action to prevent problems arising or to overcome problems before they escalate

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status

RGRROP404 Perform duties of veterinarian at race meetings or trials	RGRROP404A Perform duties of veterinarian at race meetings or trials	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor changes to performance criteria to clarify intent.	Equivalent unit
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Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>

Assessment Requirements for RGRROP404 Perform duties of veterinarian at race meetings or trials

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit. There must be evidence that the individual has performed duties of a veterinarian at a minimum of three race meetings or trials for greyhounds or horses, including for each:

- applied safe animal handling and work practices, including assessing hazards and controlling risks when dealing with greyhounds or horses
- identified animal by colour, brand, gender, and leg and face markings
- assessed animal health and illness or injury status
- treated animals during race events, including in emergency situations
- participated in safe sample collection processes according to procedures and relevant rules of racing
- followed procedures for euthanasing animals, notifying relevant personnel and disposing of body
- provided prompt and succinct information to stewards and others.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- protocols and procedures for communicating with stewards, and licensed and other racing industry personnel
- relevant rules of racing for code and area of responsibility
- emergency animal care
- euthanasia practices and animal removal processes
- greyhound or horse behaviour, senses and communication traits
- signs of animal health, ill health, injury and diseases
- industry terminology related to race meeting procedures
- features used to identify animals accurately for relevant code, including colour, brand, gender, and leg and face markings for reporting

- impacts on animals of adverse or extreme weather conditions
- work health and safety and racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures and personal protective equipment
- medications and treatments for injured or unhealthy animals
- racing industry animal welfare and ethical requirements
- reporting requirements for breaches of relevant procedures or rules of racing relating to sample collection or animal welfare
- sample collection standard operating procedures
- swabbing protocols and associated rules of racing.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - racetrack/s and related facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various greyhounds or horses at race meetings requiring first aid or emergency care, or realistic simulations if safety or access is restricted
 - materials and equipment relevant to providing first aid and emergency care for greyhounds or horses at a typical race meeting
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual
 - resources to make bookings and prepare invoices and reports.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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