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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 work under supervision and apply the process for the safe and secure collection of blood samples from racing animals.

The unit applies to racing personnel or other authorised persons who are required to collect blood samples from racing greyhounds or horses under supervision as part of their job role, in work environments of racing administration-approved sample collection facilities that may include racecourses, kennels or stable premises.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Swabbing (SWA)

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. Plan for blood collection from greyhounds or horses	1.1 Confirm process for selecting greyhounds or horses with stewards 1.2 Confirm collecting area is prepared and equipment is provided 1.3 Secure collecting area and equipment according to procedures 1.4 Identify animals nominated for blood collection and escort to

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	collecting area following safe animal handling practices
2. Collect blood samples from greyhounds or horses	2.1 Explain collection procedures and rights and obligations to nominated witness 2.2 Employ techniques for handling greyhounds or horses to ensure safety of animals, self and others 2.3 Prepare animals for blood collection 2.4 Follow safe blood collection procedures and protocols 2.5 Maintain chain of custody of sampling equipment, documentation and samples 2.6 Follow swab documentation, packaging, security and shipping protocols 2.7 Manage disposal of sharps to ensure safety of self and others
3. Document and provide information on swabbing procedure to relevant parties	3.1 Complete and file swab documentation 3.2 Justify and document alterations to standard collection procedures 3.3 Document incidents that occurred during collection procedure, and report 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 blood sampling procedures and other documentation and consolidate information to ensure compliance
Writing	Accurately record and complete required blood sampling documentation using clear language and correct terminology
Numeracy	Use volumetric measurements to take and report on blood samples
Oral communication	Effectively participate in verbal exchanges using active listening and questioning and reading of verbal and non-verbal signals to convey and clarify information with racing officials and witnesses
Navigate the world of	Take responsibility for following rules of racing, racetrack policies

Skill	Description
work	and procedures and legislative requirements relating to job role
Interact with others	- Follow racing industry communication protocols with stewards, racing officials, and licensed and registered personnel - Cooperate with others and contribute to work practices where joint outcomes are expected and deadlines are to be met
Get the work done	- Make routine decisions and implement standard procedures for collecting blood samples, using formal decision-making processes for more complex and non-routine situations - Address less predictable problems and initiate standard procedures in response, applying problem-solving processes in determining solutions

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRSWA303 Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing	RGRSWA303A Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor changes to performance criteria for clarity.	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRSWA303 Collect blood samples for racing animal drug testing

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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 collected blood samples from at least three greyhounds or horses over two separate occasions, including for each:

- planned the blood collection process and checked and confirmed blood collection resources were ready and available
- implemented safety and security procedures for the blood sampling process according to protocols
- ensured witnesses were informed of process
- used safe animal handling techniques according to racing safety and animal welfare requirements
- collected blood samples from animals according to racing and laboratory protocols
- documented and provided information on swabbing procedure to relevant parties.

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 to swabbing and sample collection
- ethical conduct standards of relevant Principal Racing Authority
- racing industry safety requirements, including:
 - safe operating procedures for blood sampling
 - hazard identification and risk management
 - safe handling techniques for animals
- greyhound or horse behaviour and communication traits relevant to safety and sample collection
- laboratory and racing protocols and standard operating procedures for sample collection, including:

- security arrangements
- preparation for collecting samples
- safe operation of collecting equipment
- collection procedures
- chain of custody of sampling equipment, documentation and samples
- racing industry animal welfare requirements related to sample collection and handling techniques
- documentation and reporting requirements, including for irregularities in procedures and difficulties in obtaining samples.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - safe handling areas for collecting blood samples, such as racetracks and related swabbing facilities
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - a range of greyhounds or standardbred or thoroughbred horses
 - materials and equipment relevant to assessing individual's ability to perform blood sample collection duties
- specifications:
 - work instructions and related documentation
 - safe operating procedures when sampling and handling sharps
- relationships (internal and/or external):
 - racing officials or other relevant people to report to.

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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