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RGRTRK303 Provide emergency animal assistance

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 emergency animal assistance, including managing the incident scene, assisting personnel at the scene, using safe animal handling techniques; and transporting the injured or deceased animal from the scene.

The unit applies to individuals who work in greyhound, harness or thoroughbred codes of the racing industry using specialised knowledge and organisational skills to manage racing incidents with animals during trackwork, barrier trials and race meetings.

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

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Track management (TRK)

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. Provide assistance at incident scene	1.1 Contact veterinarian, steward and other specialists when animal emergency occurs 1.2 Assist individuals in potential danger or risk at incident scene until assistance arrives 1.3 Assist with catching or restraining animal using safe handling techniques to prevent further injury or damage

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	1.4 Provide assistance to supervising personnel who are treating or assessing the animal 1.5 Apply basic methods of restraint to animal under veterinary or specialist supervision
2. Manage incident scene	2.1 Identify hazards, assess risks and select appropriate personal protective equipment to avoid injury to personnel or animals 2.2 Collect and install privacy screens according to workplace procedures 2.3 Allocate staff members to restrict public access to incident area 2.4 Give consideration to the distress of those associated with the injured animal and of the general public in the management of incident 2.5 Use discretion in the handling of a deceased animal 2.6 Assist stewards and veterinarian in the collection of a post-mortem swab sample if requested by the stewards
3. Transport animal	3.1 Prepare and transport vehicle and equipment to incident site 3.2 Select animal loading techniques to minimise risk of further injury to animal or injury to personnel 3.3 Use discretion in the loading of a deceased animal 3.4 Transport animal to designated veterinary hospital or review area 3.5 Assist with arranging transport to designated disposal area after required samples have been collected 3.6 Assist with cleaning transport vehicle and equipment and check for operational readiness according to track procedures and any commercial arrangements

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
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Numeracy	Estimate weight and volume for lifting, loading and transporting animals
Oral communication	Issue clear instructions at incident site and report facts accurately to racing officials and other personnel
Navigate the world of work	- Take responsibility for adherence to workplace and racing industry procedures, including safe work practices and animal welfare requirements, relating to own role and area of responsibility - Contribute to review procedures with supervising personnel
Interact with others	- Use collaborative techniques to manage incidents effectively and efficiently to minimise impact and stress of incident to animals and personnel - Use discretion and empathy when dealing with grief issues
Get the work done	- Plan, prioritise and assemble resources to provide emergency animal assistance within required response times - Evaluate incidents and risks promptly, and devise and implement solutions and control measures to achieve outcomes

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRTRK303 Provide emergency animal assistance	RGRTRK303A Provide emergency animal assistance	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages. Minor changes to performance criteria to clarify intent of unit.	Equivalent unit

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 RGRTRK303 Provide emergency animal assistance

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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 provided emergency animal assistance for at least three incidents or realistic simulations, including for each:

- assessed risks associated with emergency animal assistance and incident site
- assisted individuals and secured incident scene
- contacted veterinarian, steward or other specialists in an emergency
- assisted with managing the incident scene, including:
 - restricted public access or view of incident
 - assisted veterinarian and/or steward
- assisted with arranging and transporting injured or deceased animal to designated destination.

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:

- types of incidents, hazards and emergencies at racing and training tracks, including:
 - on track
 - public areas
 - stables or kennels
 - training equipment and facilities
- types and roles of specialists to contact in an emergency
- strategies and considerations for managing incident scenes
- personal protective equipment, including operation and maintenance procedures
- avenues and procedures for personnel to access grief counselling
- common greyhound or horse injuries at racing and training tracks

- manual handling techniques, equipment and procedures for animal restraint, lifting, loading and transporting
- disposal areas and procedures
- race meeting track management operations and staff roles
- racing industry standards and expectations relevant for providing emergency animal assistance, covering:
 - animal welfare, work health and safety and environmental procedures
 - protocols and procedures for communicating with stewards, veterinarians, racing officials and other relevant people.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a racing or training track site or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - real injured animals, appropriate simulations or cadavers, depending on assessment environment and situation
 - greyhound or horse vehicle for transporting animals
 - materials and equipment required to provide emergency animal assistance
 - personal protective equipment correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for individual.

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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