Modification history

| Release | Comments |
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| Release 1 | This version released with the ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0. |

| ACMCAN307 | Rehabilitate native wildlife |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide immediate care for rescued native wildlife and rehabilitating animals.  This unit applies to wildlife animal keepers or carers who work in a captive animal facility, under the direction of a more experienced staff member.  No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.  NOTE: The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements. |
| Prerequisite Units | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Captive Animals (CAN) |

| Element | Performance criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Provide immediate care for rescued animals | 1.1 Select and use appropriate personal protective equipment  1.2 Handle native animals following WHS and animal welfare procedures  1.3 Follow quarantine and disease control procedures according to work place policies and procedures  1.4 Identify animals and initiate emergency care according to work place policies and procedures  1.5 Examine animals and refer seriously injured animals to supervisor or take to veterinary clinic for immediate treatment  1.6 Collect and record information on each animal according to legislative and work place policies and procedures |
| 2. Rehabilitate rescued animals | 2.1 Apply suitable species-relevant rearing procedures  2.2 Provide captive diets similar to the natural diet of the species  2.3 Identify common problems experienced by rescued animals, and treat as directed by veterinarian  2.4 Implement species-specific recovery procedures  2.5 Process deceased animals for research purposes according to legislative and work place policies and procedures  2.6 Maintain documentation required in relation to rescued wildlife |
| 3. Prepare animals for post-rehabilitation life | 3.1 Evaluate options for returning mature animals to native habitat  3.2 Evaluate options for orphaned animals  3.3 Provide hunting or foraging skills development opportunities according to workplace policies and procedures  3.4 Provide socialising opportunities according to workplace policies and procedures  3.5 Implement tactics to reduce human interaction |

| 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret legislation and codes of practice relevant to animal capture and release * Interpret animal identification tags |
| Writing | * Record details of animal health and history |

| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
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| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMCAN307 Rehabilitate native wildlife | ACMCAN307A Rehabilitate native wildlife | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMCAN307 Rehabilitate native wildlife |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.  There must be evidence that the individual has rehabilitated a minimum of three native animals, including (for each):  providing appropriate care for rescued animal  developing and implementing rehabilitation programs for native animals in consultation with relevant people and organisations  identifying and handling native wildlife correctly and humanely  maintaining accurate records  preparing animals for post-rehabilitation life. | |

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| 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:   * principles and practices of native wildlife rehabilitation * animals typically recscued, including:   amphibians  birds  mammals  reptiles   * anatomical structures and physiological features of common native animals * basic animal husbandry requirements and rehabilitation procedures for common native species * initial emergency care activities, including:   clearing animal's mouth and nose to assist breathing  applying pressure bandages to stem external bleeding  supporting bandages to immobilise fractures  observing injuries  treating dehydration  providing warmth and comfort for shock   * natural dietary requirements for specific species * normal behaviour of native wildlife * common problems experienced by recued animals, including:   age-related health conditions  bloat  changes in behaviour  changes in urine and bowel movements  cloacal prolapse  dehydration  discharges  feeding problems, including milk aspiration and decreased appetite  fight injuries  fur loss  general ill health  heat stress  humanisation  lethargy  loss of weight  malnutrition  parasitic burdens  stooped position  stress  trauma  zoonotic and other diseases   * recovery procedures, including:   24-hour care for young animals  accessing veterinary care and administering medication as directed  applying relevant husbandry standards to ensure pathogens are not contracted  cleaning eyes  dressing wounds  feeding and hydrating  integrating with other same-species animals  minimising stress  providing warmth  releasing animals to the natural environment if permitted by relevant legislation  removing domestic animals from wild animals' presence   * pathogens and their potential impact on the environment * principles and objectives of animal rehabilitation programs, animal welfare and ethics * relevant facility policies and procedures, including WHS, animal welfare, hygiene standards and other industry guidelines * relevant legislation including state or territory wildlife Acts and codes of practice * wildlife ecology, including population dynamics, habitat selection, competition, and predator-prey interactions. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions:   an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting   * resources, equipment and materials:   a range of native animals  equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care facility   * specifications:   access to organisational policies and procedures  current WHS legislation and regulations and relevant state/territory animal welfare regulations   * relationships (internal and/or external):   interactions with team members.  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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