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. |

| ACMGAS206 | Provide basic first aid for animals |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide essential first aid for animals by recognising and responding to an emergency using basic first aid measures. The first aider is not expected to deal with complex casualties or incidents, but to provide an initial response where first aid is required.  This unit is applicable to new entrants to the animal care and management industry. Animal care may occur in a wide variety of workplaces, including retail pet stores, kennels and catteries, shelters, veterinary practices, zoos, animal research facilities and others.  This unit applies to individuals who work under general supervision and exercise limited autonomy. They undertake defined activities and work in a structured context.  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 | General Animal Studies (GAS) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Assess the situation | 1.1 Recognise emergency situation  1.2 Identify physical hazards to self, bystanders, the public and the animal  1.3 Take action to minimise the immediate risk to self, bystanders, the public and the animal  1.4 Use personal protective equipment and safe working practices according to WHS at all times when handling animals  1.5 Assess physical condition and vital signs of the animal |
| 2. Provide basic first aid to animals | 2.1 Reassure animal and make comfortable using available resources  2.2 Handle animal safely and humanely to minimise pain and further injuries  2.3 Provide basic first aid care  2.4 Seek first aid assistance from others as appropriate and required  2.5 Record treatment and any additional information on the animal |

| 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 |
| Oral communication | * Warn bystanders of risks in an appropriate manner |
| Get the work done | * Maintain the high standards of hygiene to reduce risk of infection and cross-infection * Problem-solve issues with first aid calmly and as they occur |

| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
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| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMGAS206 Provide basic first aid for animals | ACMGAS206A Provide basic first aid for animals | Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMGAS206 Provide basic first aid for animals |
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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:   * provided basic first aid for at least two animals, in a simulated environment, covering different types of emergencies * identified hazards and minimised the risk to self, bystanders, the public and the animal. | |

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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:   * basic first aid techniques including how to:   stop bleeding  administer oxygen  minimise impact of shock by keeping animal quiet, warm and away from activity or noise  immobilise limb injuries, if soft tissue damage or fractures are suspected  hose or apply water, if available, in cases of burns or heat exhaustion  administer emetics or antidotes under instruction if appropriate  feed or water as advised  transport animal to veterinary assistance as soon as possible   * basic examination techniques to determine health status * how to assess physical conditions, including:   broken bones  burns  lacerations  other injuries, trauma and medical conditions  scratches   * vital signs of animals, including:   hydration status  pulse rates  respiration  temperature   * risks of providing first aid to animals, including:   risks to self, bystanders and public  risks to animals  first aid casualty management principles   * first aid sources for assistance * safe animal handling techniques and procedures * WHS and animal welfare legislative requirements and codes of practice * the animal emergency network. |

| 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 animals or models  emergency scenarios  equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken in an animal care environment, including personal protective equipment   * specifications:   access to organisational policies and procedures  current WHS and animal welfare legislation and regulations   * relationships (internal and/or external):   interactions with bystanders.  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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