Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with RGR Racing Training Package Version 1.0. |

| RGRROP404 | Perform duties of veterinarian at race meetings or trial |
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| 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 and post-race assessments of greyhounds or horses, provide advice to stewards and 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 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.  Work health and safety (WHS) and animal welfare legislation apply to workers in this industry. Requirements vary in each state/territory jurisdiction. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.  NOTE: The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 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 Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Racing Performance (ROP) |

| 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. 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  1.3 Review rules of racing applicable to veterinary practices  1.4 Prepare supplies of first aid and emergency medications and equipment  1.5 Advise stewards of veterinarian presence on course |
| 2. Monitor greyhounds or horses during race meetings | 2.1 Carry out pre 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 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 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Reading | * Interpret key information 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 work health and safety, 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 |

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

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for RGRROP404 Perform duties of veterinarian at race meetings or trial |
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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 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, including notifying relevant personnel and disposal of body * provided prompt and succinct information to stewards and others. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| 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 * 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 |
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| 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 candidate * 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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