Modification history

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

| RGRTRK303 | Provide emergency animal assistance |
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| 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 track work, barrier trials and race meetings.  No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Track management (TRK) |

| 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. 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  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 (PPE) 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 Asist 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. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| 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 |

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| 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 | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for |
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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 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 * managed the incident scene, including: * restricted public access or view of incident * assisted veterinarian and/or steward * arranged and transported injured or deceased animal to designated destination. | |

| 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:   * 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 (PPE) and 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 * basic techniques, equipment and procedures for animal restraint, lifting, loading and transporting * manual handling techniques * 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 |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a racing or training track site or simulated 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 * PPE correctly fitted and appropriate for activity for candidate.   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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