Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0. |

| ACMGRM2X1 | Bathe, dry and brush domestic dogs |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to bathe/wash, dry and brush domestic dogs with different coat types.  The unit applies to individuals who work in the companion animal industry in a range of facilities and businesses including grooming salons, pet care stores, veterinary clinics, boarding/day care and shelter facilities. They may work under supervision following defined instructions for routine tasks.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Grooming (GRM) |

| 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. Confirm work instructions | 1.1 Receive work instructions according to workplace practices and procedures  1.2 Confirm and clarify washing, drying and brushing instructions with supervisor  1.3 Identify dog breed, temperament, handling and safety requirements  1.4 Discuss specific instructions relating to health or condition of dog with supervisor |
| 2. Prepare work areas for bathing and drying | 2.1 Select shampoo and products for individual dog  2.2 Select appropriate equipment and tools including personal protective equipment (PPE) and animal restraints  2.3 Set up equipment and products for convenient access  2.4 Follow workplace health and safety procedures for preparing work areas and completing tasks |
| 3. Collect and wash dog | 3.1 Identify dog by breed and/or workplace identification system  3.2 Move or lift dog to washing area using appropriate equipment and techniques  3.3 Check water temperature and pressure before thoroughly wetting dog  3.4 Apply shampoo and/or products using appropriate technique and tools for breed or coat type  3.5 Rinse dog thoroughly to ensure clean coat  3.6 Apply additional products according to work instructions |
| 4. Dry and brush dog | 4.1 Remove excess water using towels and/or chamois  4.2 Move or lift dog to drying area and secure safely  4.3 Dry dog using appropriate technique and equipment, including single motor high velocity (HV) dryer  4.4 Use appropriate brush and/or comb to brush dog according to work instructions and breed specific requirements  4.5 Monitor dog behaviour throughout washing, drying and brushing process and seek help if required |
| 5. Complete bathing process | 5.1 Return dog and secure in designated area according to workplace procedures  5.2 Report or record relevant observations of the dog's condition and/or behaviour to supervisor  5.3 Clean and disinfect work areas and complete housekeeping tasks according to workplace procedures  5.4 Clean and safely store tools, equipment, products and laundry items |

| 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 in workplace documents relating to bathing, drying and brushing dogs |
| Oral communication | * Ask clarifying questions and give clear information to supervisor |
| Numeracy | * Measure quantities including volume, weight, area, ratio and time * Interpret numerical information provided with animal bathing, shampooing and grooming products |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMGRM2X1 Bathe, dry and brush domestic dogs | NA | New unit | No equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMGRM2X1 Bathe, dry and brush domestic dogs |
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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   * bathed, dried and brushed at least three different breeds of dogs * used equipment, tools and products safely following workplace procedures * selected, fitted and correctly use personal protective equipment * handled each dog in a safe and humane manner. | |

| 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:   * common dog breeds and coat types * basic dog anatomy relevant to bathing, drying and brushing * signs of normal and unwanted dog behaviour * basic signs of abnormalities and health concerns in animals, including parasitic infections * types and application of shampoos and grooming products * correct use and storage of bathing, drying and brushing equipment, including: * single motor high velocity (HV) dryer * brushes and combs used on different coat types * key risks for people and dogs associated with bathing, drying and brushing * safe work practices related to bathing, drying and brushing dogs, including: * personal protective equipment, including gloves, masks, closed/non-slip shoes, goggles and/or earmuffs * safe and humane dog handling and restraint techniques and procedures * personal hygiene and infection control * use and storage of disinfectants and chemicals * basic concepts of environmental sustainability including resource use and waste disposal * cleaning techniques and equipment used in a companion animal workplace * basic concepts of animal welfare and ethics. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * live dogs for bathing, drying and brushing specified in the performance evidence * bathing, drying, and brushing equipment and products including single motor high velocity (HV) dryer * personal protective equipment related bathing, drying and brushing dogs * disinfectant and cleaning products.   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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