

Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 3	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

ACMACR405	Assist with the euthanasia of animals
Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to assist with the euthanasia of animals in a safe and humane manner that complies with animal welfare, ethical and legislative requirements.</p> <p>This unit applies to individuals who assist with the euthanasia of animals under the supervision of a registered veterinarian as part of their work in an animal holding facility. They may also assist a veterinarian or authorised/licensed person who performs the euthanasia of animals in field situations.</p> <p>These individuals analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities and demonstrate in depth knowledge in a specific technical area. They develop and communicate solutions for a range of commonly encountered problems</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant state or territory regulators for current licensing, legislative or regulatory requirements before undertaking this unit.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Animal Control and Regulation (ACR)

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare to euthanase an animal under supervision	1.1 Identify animal intended for euthanasia according to legislation, workplace policies and procedures and/or veterinarian instructions 1.2 Select method of euthanasia that is consistent with workplace policies and procedures and legislative requirements 1.3 Prepare equipment and materials required for euthanasia 1.4 Determine required human assistance for the procedure, and organise 1.5 Identify hazards associated with the procedure according to workplace health and safety and biosecurity procedures 1.6 Confirm relevant authorisations, licences, permits and delegation required to conduct euthanasia

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2. Assist with euthanasia of an animal under supervision	2.1 Use personal protective and safety equipment according to workplace health and safety standards and statutory requirements 2.2 Handle and transport equipment and/or animals safely 2.3 Ensure animal is physically restrained in a way that minimises its pain and distress 2.4 Assist with the application of euthanasia method 2.5 Monitor euthanasia procedure to ensure that the animal's death is rapid and without complication or undue suffering 2.6 Confirm death of animal according to workplace procedures
3. Carry out post-euthanasia tasks	3.1 Handle and move carcass if required for research or post-mortem examination according to workplace and legislative requirements 3.2 Dispose of animal carcass and biological waste according to workplace and legislative requirements 3.3 Dispose of single-use items and sanitise, clean and store equipment and materials 3.4 Update records relating to euthanased animal according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills	
<i>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.</i>	
Skill	Description
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen carefully to instructions from veterinarian and ask clarifying questions
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculate volume, weight, area, ratio, time and application rates

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMACR405 Assist with the euthanasia of sick, injured or abandoned animals	ACMACR405 Assist with the euthanasia of sick, injured or unwanted pound animals Release 2	Title changed Minor changes to performance criteria and assessment requirements	Equivalent unit

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMACR405 Assist with the euthanasia of sick, injured or unwanted pound animals
Performance Evidence	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has assisted with the euthanasia of animals under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or authorised/licensed person, on at least three occasions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • selected a suitable method of euthanasia according to the size and number of animals and legislative constraints, in consultation with supervisor • maintained high standards of hygiene, biosecurity and infection control, on each occasion, to reduce the risk of infection and cross-infection • disposed of biological waste and deceased animal (not required for research or post-mortem purposes) according to workplace procedures and legislative requirements. • selected, fitted and correctly used personal protective equipment. 	
Knowledge Evidence	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meaning of euthanasia and humane killing • suitability of different methods of euthanasia for a range of species • equipment and drugs commonly used for euthanasia, including personal protective equipment • injection methods and techniques used in chemical euthanasia • types and use of different equipment and materials used in euthanasia, including captive bolt, firearms and lethal injections • basic anatomy and physiology of animals commonly euthanased, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location and routes of administration for lethal injections • aiming points for firearms and captive bolts • life signs and indicators of death • handling deceased animals with dignity • workplace procedures and legislative requirements relating to disposal of biological waste, biosecurity, infection control and hygiene standards • psychological health and safety hazards relating to euthanasia and coping strategies for dealing with distress and grief in the workplace • the principles of animal welfare and ethics related to euthanasia • requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice relevant to euthanasia in animal management regulatory environments. 	
Assessment Conditions	
<p>Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live animals to be euthanased as required in the performance evidence • personal protective and safety equipment • specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to state-based and territory-based legislation • animal welfare codes of practice relating to pound animals. <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>	
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