Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0. |
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| ACMacr408 | Coordinate seizure of animals |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to coordinate and implement a plan for the seizure of animals that may be aggressive, dangerous, injured or large.  The unit applies to authorised officers who are required to seize animals as part of their role. They work autonomously and apply specialist knowledge and skills to provide solutions for predictable and unpredictable problems.  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.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Animal Control and Regulation (ACR) |

| 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 Record grounds and details of the seizure situation  1.2 Assess situation to determine risks to self, bystanders, the public and target animal  1.3 Maintain the safety of self, bystanders, the public and target animal at all times  1.4 Follow workplace policies, industry standards and procedures and legislative requirements at all times  1.5 Determine seizure plan in consultation with colleagues and other relevant personnel |
| 2. Coordinate the seizure plan | 2.1 Request backup or professional assistance and advice from appropriate personnel if required  2.2 Quarantine and cordon the area, if required, to minimise risk to self, assistants, the public, target animals  2.3 Notify emergency services personnel and involve them if necessary  2.4 Implement workplace health and safety and emergency procedures relating to the seizure  2.5 Select prepare appropriate equipment, including selection and use of personal protective equipment according to manufacturer requirements  2.6 Assist veterinarian or authorised personnel with chemical restraints if requested and if required for the situation |
| 3. Capture animals according to workplace requirements | 3.1 Give appropriate instructions to personnel assisting in the seizure,  3.2 Use equipment legally, correctly and safely to capture animals in an ethical and humane manner  3.3 Secure, restrain, and contain animal humanely according to workplace requirements  3.4 Gather and record evidence relating to the incident according to workplace requirements  3.5 Load and relocate animals humanely according to workplace requirements  3.6 Unload and secure animals at holding destination  3.7 Handle animals appropriately, examine for health and welfare problems and, monitor sedated animals during recovery where required  3.8 Dispose of deceased animals appropriately, if required, according to workplace policies and procedures, owner's request and legislative requirements |
| 4. Complete post-seizure procedures | 4.1 Clean, maintain and store equipment  4.2 Notify owners of animals, if relevant, and take any further action required  4.3 Document and report the incident, including health and safety matters, using according workplace management systems and protocols  4.4 Review seizure and capture plan to ensure improved performance in the future |

| 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 | * Give clear and succinct instructions using appropriate tone and terminology for situation and audience |
| Numeracy | * Estimate animal body weight to calculate capture and restraint requirements |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals | ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals | Minor changes for clarity and consistency | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of 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:   * coordinated and planned the seizure of: * one dangerous or aggressive animal * one large animal * one injured animal * demonstrated the following for each of the three animal seizure incidents: * assessment of risks associated with the situation * the seizure plan, including animal capture method * post-seizure procedures. | |

| 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 signs and body language of relaxed and distressed animals * animal sensory perceptions and how senses can influence behaviour and reactions * hazards related to animal behaviour, including butting, biting, kicking, crushing, impaling/goring * methods, strategies and equipment to seize, restrain and transport animals safely, including low stress and defensive handling techniques * handling methods for large animals, including livestock and recumbent animals * principles of animal welfare and ethics, including animal welfare frameworks * principles of animal health, hygiene, diseases and zoonoses, and biosecurity * importance of maintaining equipment * requirements of relevant state or territory legislation covering the use of therapeutic and controlled substances * awareness of relevant regulatory requirements for use of firearms, capture guns and chemical agents used for sedation or anaesthesia * the requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice relevant to seizure of animals. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * animals specified in the performance evidence. Note - evidence to meet the performance criteria related to the capture, handling and transport of a dangerous or aggressive animal may be covered by a simulation, as long as the requirements of the unit and performance evidence are met * workplace procedures, facilities and equipment required to plan, capture and handle the animals specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment * workplace information management system related to the seizure of animals that may be aggressive, dangerous, injured or large.   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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