Modification history

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

| ACMacr402 | Assess and impound animals |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to seize; handle, and transport animals in routine animal management regulatory situations. It does not include the use of firearms, chemicals or drugs in the process of seizing an animal.  This unit applies to authorised officers who are required to assess and safely and humanely impound animals as part of their animal management regulatory role. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities and demonstrate in depth legislative knowledge; and develop and communicate solutions for a range of commonly encountered problems.  All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety and animal welfare 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 Assess situation to determine risk to self, bystanders, the public and target and other animals  1.2 Identify animal behaviours indicating increased risk of an adverse reaction to capture and handling  1.3 Apply legislative and workplace requirements relevant to the animal regulation and management activity  1.4 Identify strategies to minimise risks and maintain the safety of self, bystanders, the public and target and other animals  1.5 Determine appropriate methods, equipment and containment options for seizing target animal  1.6 Select the appropriate mode of transport and destination suitable to the animal’s requirements |
| 2. Seize animal | 2.1 Select and fit appropriate personal protective equipment, for the seizure of the animal  2.2 Select appropriate equipment and use correctly to restrain the animal  2.3 Take appropriate action to reduce hazards and risks in seizing the animal  2.4 Use safe, species-specific handling techniques to minimise stress when seizing the animal  2.5 Follow safe work practices and legislative and workplace requirements when seizing the animal  2.6 Assess animal for injuries and health issues, and apply basic first aid to animal as required  2.7 Apply basic changes to containment or behavioural husbandry to address behavioural signs of distress  2.8 Check animal for ownership identification features |
| 3. Transport animal | 3.1 Ensure vehicle and transport arrangements comply with hygiene and infectious disease control and safe transportation requirements according to regulatory guidelines  3.2 Prepare and maintain equipment to secure or restrain animal  3.3 Load and secure/ restrain animal safely using techniques to minimise stress  3.4 Follow work health and safety, and animal welfare requirements when transporting animal to destination  3.5 Remove animal from transport restraints and unload safely and correctly at destination  3.6 House animal appropriately at destination according to workplace procedures  3.7 Accurately enter and store information, including sex and approximate age of animal, into relevant management system according to legislative and workplace procedures |

| 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 legislative and workplace documentation |
| Oral communication | * Use appropriate language and tone to communicate with stakeholders to seek or provide information |
| Writing | Record information accurately using appropriate media and industry terminology |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMACR402 Assess and impound animals | ACMACR402 Assess and impound animals | Minor changes to performance criteria - Updated and new performance criteria (2.2, 2.7 and 3.1) for clarity | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMACR402 Assess and impound 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 seized and impounded at least two animals of different species, including:   * assessed the situation and minimised the risk to the animals, bystanders and self * accurately identified animal behaviours indicating potential increased risk of an adverse reaction to capture and handling * demonstrated use of species-specific low-stress and defensive handling and restraint techniques * selected and applied personal protective equipment * checked the animal for ownership identification * conducted a basic physical and behavioural health check and recorded information * loaded and transported each animal safely * housed each animal at the agreed destination * maintained accurate records for each animal on workplace management system. | |

| 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:   * animal behaviour and body language for at least two companion animal species and two livestock species, including indicators of stress and fear * low-stress handling techniques and defensive handling of aggressive or distressed animals of various species * species-specific methods, strategies and equipment to seize, secure/restrain and transport companion animals and common livestock safely * common indicators of disease and injury in animal species to facilitate health check, including zoonotic disease and infection control * environmental conditions, including weather and temperature, that impact on animal welfare during transportation * types of animal ownership identification, including: * microchips and scanning process * registration tags * tattoos or branding * strategies for communicating with animal owners/carers and bystanders * workplace record keeping requirements and overview of types of data collected * methods of assessing welfare of animal species during containment and transportation * State/Territory and local government animal management and regulatory requirements relevant to seizing, impounding and transporting 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: * skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * live animals specified in the performance evidence * equipment and resources for handling, seizing, and restraining animals specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment * workplace management systems * specifications: * access to relevant legislation and workplace documentation.   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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