Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 8.0. |

| AHCWRK1X2 | Contribute to animal care |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to identify what animal care means in a workplace and how the individuals responsibilities contribute to animal care as a whole within a specific workplace or industry.  The unit applies to individuals who contribute to animal care while working alongside a supervisor, exercising limited autonomy within establised and well known parameters. They identify and seek help with simple problems.  The unit is designed for use in a Pathway qualification or skills set. It should not be used in a qualification that has a direct job outcome.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Common (CMN) |

| 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. Identify and confirm appropriate animal care approach | 1.1 Identify workplace approach to working with animals, and describe in relation to work activity  1.2 Identify individual responsibilities in contributing to animal care  1.3 Identify workplace products, services, operations and customers  1.4 Identify safe work practices relevant to work activity  1.5 Identify appropriate capture and restraint requirements and equipment, where required  1.6 Confirm with supervisor animal care strategy based on workplace requirements and individual responsibility, and apply to work activity |
| 2. Contribute to animal care using a mix of technical skills | 2.1 Organise food preparation equipment according to task needs and supervisor instructions  2.2 Recognise common animal behaviours for the species and take appropriate action as directed  2.3 Care for animals and feed and water according to animal welfare standards, workplace health and safety requirements and supervisor instructions  2.4 Select and use tools and equipment according to supervisor instructions  2.5 Count stock levels as directed  2.6 Groom animals according to supervisor instructions |
| 3. Work with others and handle unexpected contingencies | 3.1 Respond to requests that effect work activity and animal care  3.2 Seek assistance with issues relating to animal care from supervisor when required  3.3 Inform supervisor on progress of animal care activity and provide clear explanations regarding animal care issues  3.4 Identify and report physical and behavioural hazards to supervisor |
| 4. Reflect on animal care procedures | 4.1 Reflect on personal performance in relation to working with animals and discuss possible improvements with supervisor  4.2 Apply improvements to work practice as directed  4.3 Identify possible improvements to animal care procedures and discuss with supervisor |

| 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 | * Uses clear language and standard industry terminology to clarify instructions and communicate with supervisor * Participate in verbal exchanges to share knowledge and information and discuss possible improvements with supervisor |
| Numeracy | * Count and record stock levels |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCWRK1X2 Contribute to animal care | AHCCMN201 Contribute to animal care through work activities | Minor changes to unit title, application and sector  Major and minor changes to performance criteria  Foundation skills added  Major and minor edits to performance and knowledge evidence and assessment conditions | Not equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCWRK1X2 Contribute to animal care |
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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 contributed to animal care on at least one occasion and has:   * applied basic principles of animal ethics and welfare * applied animal observation skills * identified and used equipment, tools and other technology required to complete workplace tasks * applied workplace health and safety requirements, animal welfare standards and environmental protection procedures and requirements applicable to contributing to animal care * identified species using common names * interpreted and followed a designated work plan or set of instructions for a job * planned a daily routine to complete required workplace tasks * applied technical skills in animal care including: * preparing and providing food and water * grooming * counting stock * recognising common animal behaviours and determining required response * recognised limitations, asked for help and sought clarification or information about work requirements and procedures * demonstrated appropriate initiative to deal with problems or refer them where appropriate to supervisor * used basic interpersonal and communication skills, including listening, questioning and receiving feedback * used routine capture and restraint procedures * worked cooperatively and collaboratively with others to complete tasks. | |

| 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:   * basic principles of animal ethics and welfare * codes of practice relating to work requirements * diseases and pests, disease prevention and routine health care * feeding and watering procedures * hazards in the workplace * workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for contributing to animal care * workplace animal capture and restraint procedures * techniques for grooming animals * common animal behaviours and appropriate responses * quarantine requirements * terminology relevant to animal care. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * tools, materials and equipment applicable to animal care activities * workplace animal capture and restraint procedures * specifications: * workplace health and safety legislation, regulations, codes of practice and workplace procedures relevant to contributing to animal care * workplace documents and procedures relevant to contributing to animal care * relationships: * supervisor.   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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