Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 1 | This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 6.0 |

| ACMAIM5X1 | Plan for the rescue of small companion animals during major incidents |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to develop a plan for the rescue of small companion animals during major incidents.  The unit applies to individuals who apply research and planning skills and knowledge in a specific context plan for emergency community activity. These individuals analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of planning activities.  All work must be carried out to comply with Commonwealth, state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Animal Incident Management |

| 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. Determine requirements for a small companion animal major incident rescue plan | 1.1 Research existing local, State/Territory and federal government incident rescue plans  1.2 Consider the likelihood of various major incidents within the local area and conduct a risk assessment  1.3 Identify the features and facilities of the local area and how they impact upon major incident risks  1.4 Identify small companion animal emergency requirements during major incidents  1.5 Research regulatory requirements that impact upon rescue operations, relocation issues and facility requirements  1.6 Identify work health and safety (WHS), animal welfare practices and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements |
| 2. Identify and liaise with appropriate community organisations | 2.1 Identify community organisations to be involved in a rescue plan and consolidate information on roles in an information database  2.2 Identify restrictions and barriers to effective liaison and develop processes to promote communication with relevant emergency management stakeholders and small companion animal owners in the local area  2.3 Consult with local, State/Territory and federal government agencies as required to identify and determine roles and responsibilities in the plan  2.4 Consult appropriate community stakeholders to discuss budgets and emergency processes  2.5 Consult with identified community organisations to identify and determine roles and responsibilities in the plan |
| 3. Identify roles for volunteers in a small companion animal major incident rescue plan | 3.1 Determine roles within the plan that have clearly defined responsibilities and are suitable to delegate to volunteers  3.2 Establish training requirements for volunteers to understand the plan and perform their role  3.3 Document volunteer roles, training requirements and self-care strategies according to workplace procedures |
| 4. Document plan | 4.1 Review findings and seek feedback from appropriate stakeholders on priorities, movement methods, potential site suitability, resource requirements, SEV levels, Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) principles and incident escalation contingencies  4.2 Finalise and document the plan for the rescue of small companion animals during major incidents in an appropriate and accessible format |
| 5. Trialling the plan |  |

| 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 | * Gather, interpret and analyse a variety of textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information |
| Writing | * Prepare strategic business documentation incorporating appropriate vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMAIM5X1  Plan for the rescue of small companion animals during major incidents |  |  | Newly created |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMAIM5X1 Plan for the rescue of small companion animals during major incidents |
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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 developed a plan for the rescue of small companion animals for two different types of major incidents in one local area. | |

| 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:   * incident severity (SEV) levels: * SEV 0 Catastrophic Service Impact * SEV 1 Critical Service Impact * SEV 2 High Service Impact * SEV management: * detection * diagnosis * mitigation * prevention * closure * Australasian Inter-service Incident Management System (AIIMS) principles: * unit of command * span of control * functional management * management by objective * flexibility * communication systems * major incidents including: * floods * fires * earthquakes * extreme weather events * suitable facilities to house small companion animals if emergency housing is required, including: * containment requirements of holding areas and temporary shelter, including moveable barriers, fencing, ropes, cages or enclosures improvised equipment * quarantine and biosecurity requirements * incident action guide for moving small companion animals * factors affecting the movement of animals * suitable methods and equipment for moving animals, including: * cages, crates or enclosures * handling and restraint methods * moving techniques * leading and walking * transport vehicle types * choice of route * resources required to carry out the activity, including: * emergency equipment * emergency requirements - water, food, medication * personnel * provision for appropriate veterinary care * work health and safety (WHS) procedures and principles, including: * manual handling of small companion animals * using training equipment safely * risk and control strategies * methods used to identify animals, and record keeping requirements * techniques for establishing animals in new location and relevant requirements * briefing and debriefing the incident, including operational and critical incident stress. small companion animal evacuation processes and emergency requirements * consolidation of information in a database * data collection and analysis techniques * volunteer recruitment and training techniques * budgetary and resource allocation requirements * local planning processes and networks * local resources, facilities, suppliers and tradespeople * workplace policies, protocols and procedures * stakeholder consultation and participation principles and techniques * local State/Territory and national government regulations and codes of practice * security arrangements: * procedures for animal shelter check in * procedures for animal discharge to legal owners * local networks and community organisations, including: * State or Territory health departments * police and other emergency services * social security * government services * non-government organisations * service providers * community groups * self-care strategies during an incident * animal welfare practices * project development processes * plan documentation requirements. |

| 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 an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * regulations relating to major incident planning * animal welfare regulations * specifications: * workplace policies and procedures * relationships: * community stakeholders, including small companion animal owners.   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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