Modification history

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

| AHCPRK3X4 | Treat rectal prolapse in pigs |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to treat rectal prolapse in pigs, including preparation, treatment and post treatment care.  This unit applies to individuals who apply technical knowledge and skills with discretion and judgement to care for pigs in pork production environments. They work under broad direction, coordinate activities and solve problems related to pig health and welfare. Work environments may include indoor and outdoor pork production systems.  Commonwealth and/or state/territory health and safety, animal welfare, environmental protection and biosecurity legislation, regulations and codes of practice apply to keeping and working with pigs. Requirements vary between jurisdictions.  No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Pork (PRK) |

| 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. Prepare to treat rectal prolapse | 1.1 Recognise signs of rectal prolapse and rectal strictures in pigs  1.2 Determine treatment based on severity of injury and pig health and condition  1.3 Seek supervisor, veterinary or other expert advice where required  1.4 Prepare work site, required resources and materials for treatment according to enterprise infection control procedures |
| 2. Treat rectal prolapse | 2.1 Identify hazards, and assess and control risks related to treating rectal prolapse  2.2 Select and fit personal protective equipment (PPE) according to enterprise safety and biosecurity requirements  2.3 Treat pig according to Farm Treatment Plan  2.4 Monitor pig improvement and/or continue treatment as required and update treatment records |
| 3. Assist to reduce incidence of rectal prolapse | 3.1 Review current incidents and treatments of rectal prolapse in pigs within own care  3.2 Identify changes to pig care and environment that may have contributed to prolapses and advise farm management  3.3 Implement changes to pig care and/or environment agreed with farm management as required  3.4 Monitor pig health and record outcomes |

| 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 textual information in enterprise procedures, forms and standards related to pig health care * Interpret key information for treatment of rectal prolapse available from Farm Treatment Plan and Approved Medication List |
| Writing | * Record pig health and treatments accurately using industry terminology |
| Numeracy | * Estimate and calculate quantity, size, weight, volume, ratio, and temperature |
| Oral communication | * Use industry terminology to describe pig condition, health and treatments |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| AHCPRK3X4 Treat rectal prolapse in pig | AHCPRK302 Treat rectal prolapse in pig | Application updated  New Performance criteria added for worker health and safety  Elements 1 and 3 revised  Performance criteria added, removed or revised for clarity  Foundation Skills added  Performance Evidence, Knowledge Evidence and Assessment Conditions updated | Not equivalent |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for AHCPRK3X4 Treat rectal prolapse in pigs |
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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 safely and effectively treated at least:   * one pig with a rectal prolapse * one pig with rectal stricture   In treating each pig, the individual must have:   * identified at least identified at least two hazards, and assessed and controlled associated risks * selected, checked and correctly fitted appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) * used safe and low stress animal handling techniques * identified and applied enterprise health and safety, infection control, biosecurity and environmental protection procedures * identified severity of prolapse in relationship to the pig's age, general health and condition * isolated the pig from the general group if required * treated the pig according to Farm Treatment Plan and/or Approved Medication List * completed health treatment records and according to enterprise requirements | |

| 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:   * awareness of state/territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to caring for pigs with rectal prolapse and rectal strictures * enterprise procedures and requirements for worker health and safety, animal welfare, biosecurity and environment protection that apply to caring for pigs with rectal prolapse and rectal strictures * hazard identification, risk assessment and controls to minimise risks when caring for pigs with rectal prolapse and rectal strictures * factors associated with rectal prolapse and/or stricture causation * common management strategies and treatments for rectal prolapse and/or strictures * anatomy and physiology of pig organs and tissues related to rectal prolapse and strictures * safe and low stress techniques and methods for handling and restraint of pigs with rectal prolapse or rectal strictures * signs of health, signs of ill health, and methods for assessing pig health, welfare and behaviour, * enterprise requirements, resources and materials for treatment of rectal prolapse, including Farm Treatment Plan * characteristics, signs, management and control of abnormal increase in incidence of rectal prolapse and/stricture * requirements, functions and procedures for set up and operation of pig hospital or recovery pens * regulatory and enterprise requirements, methods and procedures for removing and disposing of waste * effects and impacts of individual pig health and welfare on herd health status and vice versa * zoonoses, including erysipelas, leptospirosis, ringworm and influenza * regulatory and enterprise documentation, records and reports required for pig health care |

| 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 pork production site * resources, equipment and materials: * live pigs specified in performance evidence * materials, resources, tools and equipment, including PPE specified in the performance evidence * specifications: * enterprise procedures for pig care, health and welfare, worker health and safety, and biosecurity activities specified in the performance evidence   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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