Modification history

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| Release | Comments |
| Release 2 | 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. |

| ACMCAN307  | Rehabilitate native wildlife |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to provide immediate and recovery care, and prepare rescued native wildlife for rehabilitation to natural environments.This unit applies to individuals who work in animal carer/keeper or aquarist roles, undertaking individual and team activities in small to large scale animal facilities. They perform work under broad direction and are required to take responsibility for their own work including, carrying out assigned tasks, organising processes, and working to schedules.All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to Commonwealth and state/territory health and safety, wildlife protection and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.No licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil  |
| Unit Sector | Exhibited Animals (EXH) |

| 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. Provide immediate care for rescued animals | 1.1 Select and use personal protective equipment appropriate for task1.2 Handle native animals following organisational health and safety and animal welfare procedures1.3 Follow organisational quarantine and disease control procedures1.4 Identify animals and initiate emergency care according to organisational policies and procedures1.5 Seek advice from supervisor and/or refer seriously injured animals to veterinary clinic for immediate treatment1.6 Collect and record information on each animal according to legislative and organisational policies and procedures |
| 2. Rehabilitate rescued animals | 2.1 Apply suitable species-relevant rearing and recovery procedures2.2 Provide diets similar to the natural diet of the species2.3 Provide housing and/or habitat suitable for species and level of care required2.4 Identify common problems experienced by rescued animals, and options for treatment, or euthanasia if required, as directed by veterinarian2.5 Implement species-specific recovery procedures2.6 Process deceased animals for research purposes according to legislative and organisational policies and procedures2.7 Maintain documentation required in relation to rescued wildlife rehabilitation |
| 3. Prepare animals for post-rehabilitation life | 3.1 Evaluate options for returning mature animals to native habitat3.2 Evaluate options for orphaned animals3.3 Provide hunting or foraging skills development opportunities according to organisational policies and procedures3.4 Provide socialising opportunities following organisational policies and procedures3.5 Implement tactics to reduce human interaction |

| Foundation SkillsThis 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 legislation and codes of practice relevant to animal capture and release
* Interpret animal identification tags
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| Writing | * Record details of animal health and history
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| Unit Mapping Information |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMCAN307 Rehabilitate native wildlife | ACMCAN307 Rehabilitate native wildlife | Minor edits to performance criteria and assessment requirements for clarity and consistency | Equivalent unit |

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| Links | Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103 |

| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMCAN307 Rehabilitate native wildlife |
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| Performance Evidence |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all the elements and performance criteria in this unit.There must be evidence that the individual has:* rehabilitated a minimum of two native animals, and for each animal:
* identified physiology, recovery and husbandry requirements for the species
* used species appropriate handling techniques
* provided appropriate care
* prepared wildlife for post-rehabilitation life
* maintained accurate records.
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| 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:* principles, practices and objectives of native wildlife rehabilitation
* principles of animal welfare and ethics, and key requirements of standards and guidelines covering native wildlife
* relevant organisational policies and procedures, including:
* safe work and animal handling practices
* hygiene standards, infection control and prevention of zoonotic diseases
* key requirements of national, state or territory wildlife protection legislation and codes of practice relating to rehabilitating wildlife
* basic overview of wildlife ecology, including population dynamics, habitat selection, competition, and predator-prey interactions
* types of wildlife typically rescued, including:
* amphibians
* birds
* mammals
* reptiles
* anatomical structures and physiological features of common native wildlife
* common problems experienced by rescued animals, including:
* age-related health conditions
* dehydration, heat stress
* wildlife diseases, including parasites
* problems associated with captive care including stress and humanisation
* malnutrition, poor body condition, loss of weight or gastric conditions
* injuries / trauma including, attacks from other animals, hit by car, pollution, natural disasters
* initial emergency care activities to address breathing issues, external bleeding, immobilising fractures, and treating dehydration and shock
* basic animal husbandry requirements and rehabilitation procedures for common native species, including:
* care for young (orphaned) animals
* accessing veterinary care and administering medication as directed
* husbandry requirements, including diets and housing/habitats
* infection/pathogen control
* managing injuries
* integrating with other same-species animals
* minimising stress, providing warmth and shelter
* pathogens and their potential impact on the environment.
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| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:* physical conditions:
* an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace setting
* resources, equipment and materials:
* live, native wildlife
* equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken to rehabilitate native wildlife
* specifications:
* access to organisational policies and procedures relevant to rehabilitating wildlife
* access to relevant legislation and codes of practice relating to native wildlife rehabilitation
* relationships:
* interactions with team members.

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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