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. |

| ACMGAS103 | Assist in the care of animals |
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| Application | This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to provide basic care of calm animals under supervision. It covers awareness of potential hazards and associated risks when working with and around animals.  This unit applies to individuals who undertake entry level work or involvement in community volunteering in the animal care industry. They undertake defined routine activities under direct supervision with limited responsibility for their own work.  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 are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | General Animal Care (GEN) |

| 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 work with animals | 1.1 Confirm the animal for the selected activities with supervisor  1.2 Confirm the activity to be undertaken with supervisor  1.3 Confirm and clarify with supervisor the potential health and safety hazards and risks, and welfare needs of the animal  1.4 Prepare tools and equipment appropriate to the task and animal  1.5 Select, correctly fit and use appropriate personal protective equipment |
| 2. Maintain a clean workplace | 2.1 Clean animal housing, floors, benches and other flat areas according to workplace procedures  2.2 Dispose of waste and soiled bedding according to workplace procedures |
| 3. Assist in feeding animals | 3.1 Identify animal food products and their storage locations within the workplace  3.2 Identify and report to supervisor animal food products that do not meet quality requirements  3.3 Prepare equipment used in food preparation and distribution  3.4 Provide assistance to team members in the preparation and distribution of meals  3.5 Clean and store equipment and materials according to workplace procedures  3.6 Report basic animal behaviour and health status according to instructions |

| 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 |
| Writing | * Use industry terminology to record basic workplace information related to the daily care of animals |
| Oral communication | * Listen actively and ask open and closed questions to clarify work instructions * Use common industry terminology when communicating with supervisor |

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| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| ACMGAS103 Assist in the care of animals | ACMGAS103 Assist in the care of animals | Elements 3 and 4 merged  Minor changes to performance criteria clarity  Assessment requirements updated | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for ACMGAS103 Assist in the care of 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 assisted in the care of a minimum of three animals, including for each:   * cleaned work areas and animal housing according to workplace procedures * assisted in the preparation and distribution of food under supervision * observed and reported observations of live animal behaviour and health status to supervisor. | |

| 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:   * a range of basic animal care work tasks, including: * enclosure and bed cleaning and bedding replacement * feeding and watering animals * collecting, recording and updating information * observing and reporting animal behaviour * cleaning workplace and equipment * tools and equipment required to undertake routine duties, including cleaning and general housekeeping activities * key risks of working with animals relevant to context, including: * animal bites, kicks, and/or scratches * biological waste * handling of chemicals * manual handling * slippery or uneven work surfaces * zoonoses * characteristics of animal behaviour, including body language * basic nutritional and water requirements for animals, including: * storage, preparation and presentation requirements for food for animals * types of food * contaminated and unsuitable quality food products * workplace procedures, including health and safety, animal welfare and waste disposal 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: * an animal care workplace or an environment that accurately reflects a real workplace * resources, equipment and materials: * live animals as specified in the performance evidence * equipment and resources appropriate to work undertaken specified in the performance evidence * specifications: * workplace procedures and instructions related to the care of animals * 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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