Modification history

Release	Comments
Release 3	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 7.0.
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Release 1	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 1.0.

AHCLSK314	Prepare animals for parturition
Application	This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to feed and care for animals through the latter stages of pregnancy to birthing. The unit applies to individuals who prepare animals for parturition under broad direction, and take responsibility for their own work. All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, health and safety in the workplace requirements, animal welfare legislative, regulatory and codes of practice requirements, and sustainability and biosecurity practices. In addition to legal responsibilities, all units of competency dealing with animals in the AHC Training Package have the requirements for animals to be handled humanely to minimise stress and discomfort. No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Livestock (LSK)

Elements	Performance Criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	*Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.*
1. Identify and provide animal nutritional needs	1.1 Identify and confirm nutritional needs of pregnant animals according to feeding plan 1.2 Provide feed supplements as required 1.3 Implement procedures to minimise feed wastage and spillage, and dispose and recycle feed waste 1.4 Identify potential hazards and risks, and implement safe working practices to manage risks
2. Monitor feeding process	2.1 Monitor feeding and supplementary feeding to ensure animals are maintained in the required condition 2.2 Record and report feeding abnormalities 2.3 Implement environmental practices applicable to animal production activities
3. Maintain a secure environment for animals	3.1 Monitor and maintain condition and security of paddocks, shelter or housing according to workplace procedures 3.2 Carry out basic repair work where required 3.3 Assess and report risk of predators to newborn animals according to workplace procedures 3.4 Implement measures to eradicate or control identified predators according to workplace procedures and environmental practices
4. Carry out animal husbandry procedures	4.1 Prepare animals for birthing according to workplace procedures 4.2 Provide protection for the newborn animals prior to birth 4.3 Handle livestock and perform husbandry activities according to workplace animal welfare practices

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.

Skill	Description
Reading	• Identify and interpret textual information from a range of sources to identify relevant and key information about feeding and care activities
Writing	• Use clear language, accurate industry terminology and logical structure to prepare feeding records
Oral communication	• Use clear language to report feeding abnormalities and predator risks

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition Release 3	AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition Release 2	Minor changes to application minor changes to performance criteria foundation skills added assessment requirements updated	Equivalent
AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition Release 2	AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition Release 1	Removed collect, store and administer colostrum from performance evidence	Equivalent unit

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for AHCLSK314 Prepare animals for parturition

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 prepared animals for parturition on at least two occasions and has:

- matched supply of feed, grazing or predetermined rations to nutritional requirements for pregnant animals
- monitored animal health and condition and recognised abnormalities
- carried out animal husbandry procedures, provided due care and handled animals humanely according to workplace animal welfare practices
- carried out basic repair work where required
- employed safe and environmentally responsible systems and procedures for the handling of animals, feed, hazardous substances and predator control strategies
- read and interpreted relevant manufacturers specifications, work and feeding plans, and Safety Data Sheets
- assessed and calculated herd or flock numbers, measured feed, assessed rate and frequency of feeding, and calculated animal gestation
- applied relevant workplace health and safety and environmental and biosecurity legislation, regulations and workplace procedures.

Knowledge Evidence

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:

- workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for preparing animals for parturition
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices relevant to preparing animals for parturition
- principles and practices for preparing animals for parturition, including:
    - physiological and behavioural signs of impending birth
    - animal behaviour and nutritional requirements of pregnant animals
    - feed, pasture and animal grazing management
    - feed and feed supplements for pregnant animals and when to provide them
    - effects of weather conditions, and inadequate nutrition on pregnant animals and their newborn
    - animal husbandry procedures
    - environmental impact of animals on ground cover and minimisation measures
    - State or Territory legislation, regulations and codes of practice regarding poisons
    - predators and behaviour patterns and control and eradication measures
    - relevant firearms licensing and permit requirements
    - workplace policies regarding recording and reporting birthing animals
    - animal welfare legislation, codes of practice and procedures relevant to handling animals and preparing animals for parturition.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
    - a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
    - work instructions and workplace procedures applicable to preparing animals for parturition
    - pregnant animals
    - materials, tools and equipment applicable to preparing animals for parturition
- specifications:
    - workplace requirements applicable to health and safety in the workplace for preparing animals for parturition

Assessment Conditions	
- environment and biosecurity legislation and regulations and workplace practices applicable to preparing animals for parturition - industry standards, legislation and codes of practice and procedures for animal welfare applicable to handling animals and preparing animals for parturition - timeframes: - according to job requirements. 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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