

**Modification history**

Release	Comments
Release 3	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 4.0.
Release 2	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 3.0.
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 1.0.

ACMACR408	Coordinate seizure of animals
<b>Application</b>	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to coordinate and implement a plan for the seizure of animals that may be aggressive, dangerous, injured or large.</p> <p>The unit applies to authorised officers who are required to seize animals as part of their role. They analyse information and exercise judgement to complete a range of skilled activities; demonstrate in depth knowledge in a specific technical area, and develop and communicate solutions for a range of commonly encountered problems.</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures according to state/territory health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
<b>Prerequisite Unit</b>	Nil
<b>Unit Sector</b>	Animal Control and Regulation (ACR)

Elements	Performance Criteria
<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Assess the situation	1.1 Record details of the seizure situation 1.2 Assess situation to determine risks to self, bystanders, the public and target animal 1.3 Maintain the safety of self, bystanders, the public and target animal at all times 1.4 Follow workplace policies, industry standards and procedures and legislative requirements at all times 1.5 Select, correctly fit and use appropriate personal protective equipment 1.6 Determine seizure plan in consultation with colleagues and other relevant personnel
2. Coordinate the seizure plan	2.1 Request backup from appropriate personnel 2.2 Quarantine the area, if required, to minimise risk to self, assistants, the public and target animals 2.3 Request professional assistance and advice if required 2.4 Notify emergency services personnel and involve them if necessary 2.5 Implement workplace health and safety and emergency procedures relating to the seizure 2.6 Select, unpack and prepare appropriate equipment according to manufacturers' requirements 2.7 Ensure relevant licences and permits for the use of drugs and equipment are held by the user 2.8 Calculate and prepare drug doses for sedation and immobilisation under the direct supervision of a veterinarian

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3. Capture animals	3.1 Give appropriate instructions to personnel assisting in the seizure 3.2 Use equipment legally, correctly and safely to capture animals in an ethical and humane manner 3.3 Secure, restrain, load and transport animals humanely 3.4 Unload and secure animals at holding destination 3.5 Dispose of deceased animals appropriately according to workplace policies and procedures and legislative requirements 3.6 Handle drugged animals appropriately, examine for health and welfare problems and, if necessary, give recovery treatment
4. Complete post-seizure procedures	4.1 Clean, maintain and store equipment 4.2 Store any unused sedation and immobilisation drugs in an appropriate place 4.3 Notify owners of animals, if relevant, and take any further action required 4.4 Complete documentation about the incident and enter into relevant workplace management systems 4.5 Brief supervisor on incident according to workplace protocols 4.6 Review seizure and capture plan to ensure improved performance in the future

Foundation Skills	
<i>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.</i>	
Skill	Description
Oral communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give clear and succinct instructions using appropriate tone and terminology for situation and audience</li> </ul>
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimate animal body weight to calculate capture and restraint requirements</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals	ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals	Minor changes for clarity and consistency	Equivalent unit

Links
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Assessment requirements for ACMACR408 Coordinate seizure of animals</b>
<b>Performance Evidence</b>	
<p>An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.</p> <p>There must be evidence that the individual has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coordinated and planned the seizure of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one dangerous or aggressive animal</li> <li>• one large animal</li> <li>• one injured animal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• demonstrated the following for each of the three animal seizure incidents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assessment of risks associated with the situation</li> <li>• the seizure plan, including animal capture method</li> <li>• post-seizure procedures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Knowledge Evidence</b>	
<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• common signs and body language of relaxed and distressed animals</li> <li>• animal sensory perceptions and how senses can influence behaviour and reactions</li> <li>• hazards related to animal behaviour, including butting, biting, kicking, crushing, impaling/goring</li> <li>• methods, strategies and equipment to seize, restrain and transport animals safely and humanely</li> <li>• handling methods for large animals, including livestock and recumbent animals</li> <li>• principles of animal welfare and ethics, including animal welfare frameworks</li> <li>• principles of animal health, hygiene, diseases and zoonoses</li> <li>• importance of maintaining equipment</li> <li>• requirements of relevant state or territory legislation covering the use of therapeutic and controlled substances</li> <li>• the characteristics of specific restraint drugs, including their pharmacology, antidotes, dose rates, methods of administration and effects to both animals and humans in case of error</li> <li>• the safe use of firearms, capture guns and anaesthetic agents</li> <li>• the requirements of legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice relevant to seizure of animals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Assessment Conditions</b>	
<p>Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• skills must be demonstrated in a workplace setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the animals specified in the performance evidence. Note - evidence to meet the performance criteria related to the capture, handling and transport of a dangerous or aggressive may be covered by a simulation, as long as the requirements of the unit and performance evidence are met</li> <li>• workplace procedures, facilities and equipment required to plan, capture and handle the animals specified in the performance evidence, including personal protective equipment</li> <li>• workplace management system related to the seizure of animals that may be aggressive, dangerous, injured or large.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.</p>	
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