

**Modification history**

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with ACM Animal Care and Management Training Package Version 6.0.

ACMAIM305X	Carry out casualty and post-rescue management of animals
<b>Application</b>	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to carry out an initial assessment, care for animals at an incident scene and assist a veterinarian during and after an incident.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who have experience handling animals and have a role in supporting veterinarians in an incident involving animals. Incidents may involve individual animals or groups of animals and cover a range of incident types. Individuals have basic knowledge of animal first aid and animal incident management.</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare 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 Incident Management (AIM)

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. Carry out initial assessment and care of animal/s	1.1 Conduct visual assessment of condition and behaviour of animal/s on arrival at incident scene 1.2 Participate in team briefing and provide information on the level of veterinary care and/or emergency response support required to relevant personnel 1.3 Arrange screening and animal transport, if required, in consultation with the incident controller 1.4 Monitor health and vital signs of animal/s, using safe handling techniques and safe zones, for protection of self, others and other animal/s 1.5 Provide animal care, including natural sedation techniques to reduce stress or stimulation, until veterinary support arrives
2. Assist veterinarian with care of animal/s	2.1 Organise physical containment or restraint of animal/s for veterinarian to triage and stabilise the animal/s 2.2 Assist the veterinarian with organisation of personal protective equipment, medical supplies and equipment, and communicating biosecurity risks and requirements to others 2.3 Support identification of animal/s record keeping 2.4 Support veterinarian with triage and treatment of animal/s at the incident scene 2.5 Discuss chemical restraints with veterinarian and assist with the physical restraint of animal/s according to veterinarian instructions
3. Carry out post-rescue care	3.1 Provide post-rescue care of animal/s, including assisting with moving animal/s to a safe location or veterinary clinic for further treatment 3.2 Assist with the recovery of animal/s following sedation or anaesthesia according to veterinarian instructions 3.3 Assist veterinarian during euthanasia of animal/s, if required 3.4 Organise removal and handle deceased animal/s with dignity 3.5 Contribute to team debrief and complete records according to workplace requirements

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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>Provide clear and concise information in a timely manner using accurate terminology</li> <li>Listen carefully to instructions and ask questions to clarify and confirm requirements</li> </ul>
Interact with others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work as an effective member of a team as well as independently</li> </ul>
Navigate the world of work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognise the purpose, main tasks, responsibilities and boundaries of own role</li> </ul>
Get the work done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan, organise and prioritise tasks for carrying out casualty and post-rescue management of animals</li> <li>Anticipate animal behavioural responses and use problem-solving approaches to accommodate contingencies</li> </ul>

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMAIM305X Carry out casualty and post-rescue management of animals	ACMAIM305 Carry out casualty and post-rescue management of animals	Removed reference to "large" animals to broaden coverage of unit.	
<b>Links</b>		Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: <a href="https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103">https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103</a>	

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for [Unit code and title in sentence case]
<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>• provided a brief report on an initial assessment and care required for two animals of different species in different incidents</li> <li>• provided animal care support and assistance in two animal incident scenarios.</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>• visual assessment and signs of animal condition and behaviour, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• level of exhaustion, consciousness</li> <li>• external bleeding</li> <li>• wounds</li> <li>• swelling or inflammation</li> <li>• potential fractures</li> <li>• behaviour, body language and vocal sounds</li> <li>• loss of full control of bodily movements</li> <li>• abnormal body, head or limb presentation, including fractures</li> <li>• characteristics of discharge from any orifice</li> <li>• hypothermia or hyperthermia</li> </ul> </li> <li>• safe manual and animal handling techniques</li> <li>• types and purpose of personal protective equipment for safety and hygiene</li> <li>• basic principles of animal incident management and communication protocols</li> <li>• types of care to provide before veterinary support arrives to reduce anxiety or stimulation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• confinement</li> <li>• water and feed</li> <li>• noise protection</li> <li>• companion animal</li> <li>• owner</li> </ul> </li> <li>• ways to restrain or control an animal, including natural, physical and chemical controls</li> <li>• biosecurity risks at animal incident scenes, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• zoonotic disease risk resulting from bites, scratches and contact with body fluids</li> <li>• injuries from sharps/syringes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• overview of administration of sedation and anaesthesia used by veterinarians</li> <li>• overview of euthanasia methods, including chemical overdose of anaesthetic agent, gunshot and penetrating captive bolt</li> <li>• handling deceased animals with dignity</li> <li>• team debriefing after an incident, including operational and critical incident stress</li> <li>• procedures for record keeping and identification of animals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Assessment Conditions</b>	
<p>Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency 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 or an incident scene – this includes the use of simulations and scenarios where assessment would be unsafe, impractical or unethical</li> </ul> </li> <li>• resources, equipment and materials:</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• animal mannequin/s, equipment and incident scene scenarios to address the performance evidence requirements</li><li>• relationships:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• team members.</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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