

ACMADT3X1 Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler

Modification history

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

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Application	<p>This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to advise handlers to select equipment for use in training and employing an assistance dog in a range of specialised tasks to support a handler with disability.</p> <p>The unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for own work. They use discretion and judgement in the selection and use of available resources and complete activities that require behavioural analysis of dogs and handler to select appropriate equipment.</p> <p>All work must be carried out to comply with Commonwealth, state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations.</p> <p>No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.</p>
Prerequisite Unit	Nil
Unit Sector	Assistance Dog Training

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. Identify the handler's assistance requirements	1.1 Discuss referral from health care professional with dog handler to confirm and/or clarify needs, while incorporating privacy considerations 1.2 On an individual prospective handler basis, determine the specialised tasks required from an assistance dog 1.3 Determine the handler's ability to fit and use equipment for their assistance dog and ensure the dog's equipment needs complement that of the handler
2. Identify the assistance dog's equipment requirements	2.1 Identify basic equipment requirements, including leads and collars 2.2 Determine the need for additional equipment and how the equipment will be used according to task requirements 2.3 Confirm equipment requirements based on the handler/dog partnership
3. Trial the use of equipment with the handler and the assistance dog	3.1 Introduce and test the use of equipment chosen to ascertain if it is suitable for both the handler and the assistance dog 3.2 Adjust or change the equipment as required 3.3 Instruct the handler to use the equipment safely, according to animal welfare principles and dog training regulatory requirements including public access 3.4 Evaluate the handler's use of the equipment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of both the handler and the assistance dog
4. Make assessment and complete documentation	4.1 Confirm that the handler is satisfied with the chosen equipment 4.2 Document assistance dog equipment requirements 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
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gather and interpret medical personal care requirements from approved sources to identify relevant information while respecting privacy legislation
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete records and documents relevant to assistance dog equipment needs using appropriate vocabulary, grammatical structure and conventions appropriate to text and audience

Unit Mapping Information			
Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMADT3X1 Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler			Newly created
Links	Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72		

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TITLE	Assessment requirements for ACMADT3X1 Select appropriate equipment for an assistance dog and handler
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 assessed, trialled and documented four handlers' dog assistance equipment requirements with two different types of equipment.	
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevant legislation/regulations as they relate to an assistance dog's public access • animal welfare practices that are conducive to the animal's lifestyle as well as their mental, emotional and physical health and wellbeing • human disability or disorder that may require the employment of an assistance dog, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical • sensory • mental health • neurological, including neurodegenerative • developmental • relevant dog physiology and how to use/fit equipment humanely and safely according to the dog's physical attributes • a dog's work/recreation mode to assist with appropriate use of equipment • appropriate adaptations of equipment based on handler and dog's physical attributes and needs • capabilities and limitations of assistance dogs • equipment used in dog training, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • collars/ head haltis/ martingales • leads/leashes • walking/guiding harnesses/balance harnesses • working jackets/coats/identification vests • markers/clickers • modified grooming equipment • toys • treat pouches • personal protective equipment (PPE), if required • methods of desensitizing and socialising equipment used for assistance dogs. 	
Assessment Conditions	
Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skills must be demonstrated in an environment that accurately represents assistance dog training workplace conditions, with live or mannequin dog • resources, equipment and materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • handler's medical referral • equipment used in dog training as required for Performance Evidence • specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • workplace policies and procedures • relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dog handler. <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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Commented [RF1]: Is this terminology correct? Should it be 'halters'? Halti is a brand - should we make it generic?

Commented [RF2R1]: Halti is a brand that sells a number of head and body harnesses designed to prevent pulling in dogs. Their most popular and common product is a head harness that has almost become synonymous with the brand name.

Commented [RF3]: Is this terminology OK?

Commented [RF4]: Is this used all the time? Will it be accessible/available to every learner?

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