



Australian Government

ACMVET506 Perform emergency procedures to sustain life

Release: 2

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 2	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 2.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to respond with urgency to perform pre-hospital evaluations, apply and maintain first aid to sustain life, and carry out triage procedures for emergency and critical care cases.

This unit applies to veterinary nurses with extensive vocational expertise who are responsible for providing advanced nursing skills for emergency procedures. It is targeted at veterinary nurses who work in a veterinary hospital or emergency/specialist veterinary practice where an extensive range of emergency and critical care procedures are performed under the supervision of a registered or specialist veterinarian in a referral centre or in an emergency centre. Veterinary nurses who work in emergency care exercise autonomy in undertaking complex work.

Legislative and regulatory requirements apply to veterinary nurses but vary according to state/territory jurisdictions. Users must check with the relevant regulatory authority before delivery.

NOTE: The terms 'occupational health and safety' (OHS) and 'work health and safety' (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Veterinary Nursing (VET)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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. Perform pre-hospital evaluation	1.1 Establish immediate patient history with client 1.2 Communicate emergency first aid advice for the patient to the client 1.3 Communicate transportation advice and the practice's location to the client
2. Assess patient to confirm the need for emergency response	2.1 Conduct visual patient assessment 2.2 Conduct assessment of patient using safe handling techniques for protection of self, others and patient 2.3 Interpret and evaluate signs and symptoms to confirm life threatening or other situation status in consultation with veterinarian
3. Apply and maintain first aid to sustain life	3.1 Apply cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures according to patient's needs and under veterinary supervision 3.2 Apply procedures for haemorrhage control and oxygen therapy according to patient's needs and under veterinary supervision
4. Carry out triage procedures and stabilise patient under veterinarian direction	4.1 Complete and evaluate triage parameters 4.2 Report triage findings to attending veterinarian 4.3 Provide clear and concise directions to supporting personnel 4.4 Provide specific emergency and critical care nursing assistance ensuring hygiene and infection control protocols are followed
5. Complete history and secondary survey	5.1 Confirm patient history with client records 5.2 Perform secondary survey in conjunction with veterinarian 5.3 Update patient records

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
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Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weigh and measure animals • Monitor and record animal vital signs
Get the work done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with other team members and under veterinarian's directions to implement emergency procedures • Address irregularities and contingencies in the context of the work role

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMVET506 Perform emergency procedures to sustain life Release 2	ACMVET506 Perform emergency procedures to sustain life Release 1	Minor update in the Application, Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence for clarity	Equivalent

Links

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