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Modification History

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1	AHCv1.0	Initial release

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to select, train and care for working dogs in the rural industry.

This unit applies to farm workers who use dogs to handle livestock.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, work health and safety, animal welfare and biosecurity legislation and codes or practice and sustainability practices.

This unit applies to individuals who work under broad direction and take responsibility for their own work. They complete routine activities and work in a range of known contexts.

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 occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements are known to apply to this unit at the time of publication. Individuals must be aware of state/territory regulations and licensing requirements for keeping working dogs.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Livestock (LSK)

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element	Performance criteria
Elements describe the essential outcomes.	Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.
1. Identify workplace requirement and select working dog	1.1 Identify and confirm working dog requirements for the workplace 1.2 Research suitable working dog breeds and determine availability 1.3 Inspect dogs for suitability and make selection according to

Element	Performance criteria
	workplace criteria
2. Develop and implement training program for working dog	2.1 Teach commands for working tasks 2.2 Introduce the dog to a small flock in a confined area 2.3 Train the dog to handle larger numbers in more open areas 2.4 Train the dog on specialist skills such as backing and forcing 2.5 Assess existing and potential hazards associated with handling livestock in the workplace and implement measures to control risks 2.6 Comply with animal welfare codes of practice
3. Maintain health and welfare of working dog	3.1 Monitor and maintain health and condition of the working dogs 3.2 Provide an adequate and balanced diet to meet nutritional requirements of the working dogs taking into account work load/training program 3.3 Seek veterinary advice and arrange for or administer preventative health treatments 3.4 Provide and maintain appropriate housing facilities and equipment in line with animal welfare requirements

Foundation Skills

Foundation Skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

Unit Mapping Information

This unit is equivalent to AHCLSK324A Care for and train working dogs

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72