Demonstrate knowledge of velvet antler harvesting

Level 4
Credits 4

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of: the legal requirements for animal welfare, the use of prescription animal remedies, and the role of the veterinary supervisor in the removal of velvet antler; the system and steps of velvet antler removal; and of deer observation and attention after velvet antler removal.

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Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) reference 0052
This AMAP can be accessed at http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do.

Special notes

1 Legislation includes but is not limited to the Animal Welfare Act 1999, Animal Remedies (Develveting) Regulations 1994, and their subsequent amendments.

2 References

4 The Training Manual refers to the National Velveting Standards Body Training Manual, available when registered with the National Velveting Standards Body (NVSB).

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**Elements and performance criteria**

**Element 1**

Demonstrate knowledge of the legal requirements for animal welfare, the use of prescription animal remedies and the role of the veterinary supervisor in the removal of velvet antler.

**Performance criteria**

1.1 Legal requirements for animal welfare are described.


1.2 Legal requirements for the use of prescription animal remedies (PARs) are described in terms of the Animal Remedies (Develveting) Regulations 1994.

1.3 Animal Remedies Board requirements for the use of Class II PAR drugs are described in terms of the Animal Welfare (Deer) Code of Welfare 2007.

1.4 The role of the veterinary supervisor in the removal of velvet antler is described in terms of the Animal Welfare (Deer) Code of Welfare 2007.

**Element 2**

Demonstrate knowledge of the system and steps of velvet antler removal.

**Performance criteria**

2.1 Steps for the selection of stags ready for velveting are described in terms of their purpose in the system and the ways of minimising stress during these steps.

Range steps – mustering, drafting, settling period.


Range physical, chemical.


Range instrument types include but are not limited to – hand saw, meat saw.

Element 3

Demonstrate knowledge of deer observation and attention after velvet antler removal.

Performance criteria


3.2 Reverse restraint mechanisms are described in accordance with the Animal Welfare (Deer) Code of Welfare 2007.

Range physical, chemical.

3.3 Monitoring factors of devalveted deer are described in accordance with the Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Deer during the Removal of Antlers 1992.

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