

Work a team of dogs, and maintain their health and welfare

Level 4

Credits 7

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to work a team of dogs; and maintain the health and welfare of working dogs.

Subfield Agriculture

Domain Farming Skills

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Accreditation Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA, industry and teaching professional in the same field from another provider.

Standard setting body (SSB) Primary Industry Training Organisation

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 relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the – Animal Welfare Act 1999, Dog Control Act 1996, Local Authority By-Laws, and their subsequent amendments.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (1998), *Code of Recommendations and Minimum Standards for the Welfare of Dogs*, and its subsequent amendments, available at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/animal-welfare/req>.
- 3 For the purposes of assessment, a *team* of dogs consists of three dogs or more.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Work a team of dogs.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The dogs are controlled by the handler at all times.
- 1.2 The dogs are worked as a team and enable control of the livestock.
- 1.3 Dogs and livestock are managed with the minimum of stress and without injury to dogs, livestock or handler.

Element 2

Maintain the health and welfare of working dogs.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Health requirements are met to maintain dogs in optimum condition.

Range internal parasite control, hydatid control, vaccination, external parasite control.
- 2.2 Care is provided for dogs in accordance with legislative requirements.

Range shade, shelter, warmth.
- 2.3 Feed is stored and supplied to maintain dogs in optimum condition.
- 2.4 Dog ownership requirements are maintained in accordance with legislative requirements, and Local Authority By-Laws.

Please note

Providers must be accredited by NZQA, or an inter-institutional body with delegated authority for quality assurance, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Accreditation requirements and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP). The AMAP also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Primary Industry Training Organisation standards@primaryito.ac.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.