

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe and apply the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to a work role in an animal facility</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the application of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to animal ethics, care and handling; and apply the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to a work role in an animal facility.
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<b>Classification</b>	Animal Care and Handling > Animal Care
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation, standards, and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
  - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
  - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
  - New Zealand Standard NZS 4304:2002 *Management of Healthcare Waste*;
  - Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards, available at <https://www.nzva.org.nz>;
  - Relevant National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare, available at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz), under Animal Welfare;
  - Relevant National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) guidelines at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz) under Animal Welfare; and any subsequent amendments.
  
- 2 Definitions
 

*Animal facility* refers to a facility such as an animal boarding facility, a veterinary clinic, pet shop, or an animal welfare facility.

*Workplace procedures* refer to the documented procedures for animal care, handling, and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer of the animal facility and must be consistent with equipment manufacturer's recommendations and NAWAC codes.
  
- 3 For the purposes of assessment:
  - evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be supplied from a workplace or organisation.
  - evidence must be presented in accordance with workplace procedures.

## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe the application of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to animal ethics, care and handling.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the intention of the main principles and species coverage in the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- Range animal ethics, care and conduct towards animals; animal exports; advisory committees, codes of welfare; use of animals in research, testing, and teaching; evidence of at least two principles is required.
- 1.2 Describe the role of NAEAC in terms of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 1.3 Describe the intention and scope of the NAWAC Codes of Welfare in the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 1.4 Describe the application of NAWAC Codes of Welfare to an animal facility.
- 1.5 Describe the statutory actions and roles of organisations in relation to the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- Range organisations include but are not limited to – Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), police, animal control.

### Outcome 2

Apply the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to a work role in an animal facility.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Apply the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to a work role in an animal facility in relation to the animals physical and mental needs.

<b>Replacement Information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 21381.
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**Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference**

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

**Comments on this unit standard**

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