

Describe parturition and after care of companion animals

Level 3

Credits 3

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: parturition, and possible complications and responses, for a companion animal; and post-parturient care for mother and neonatal companion animal.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Animal Husbandry

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Special notes

- 1 For credit, evidence must be in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act 1999.
- 2 Definition
Companion animals, in this unit standard, refers to cats and dogs.
- 3 Assessment evidence is required for at least one species.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Describe parturition, and possible complications and responses, for a companion animal.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Approaching parturition is described in terms of its signs.
- Range behavioural, physiological.
- 1.2 A suitable environment for parturition is described according to individual and species requirements.
- 1.3 Problems of parturition are described in terms of their signs and the need for veterinary assistance is assessed in relation to specific scenarios.
- Range malpresentation, dystocia (foetal or maternal), uterine inertia, delay in delivery, abnormal behaviour, haemorrhage, unusual discharge, prolapse of uterus, straining without delivery.

Element 2

Describe post-parturient care for mother and neonatal companion animal.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Health procedures relating to the mother and neonate are described in terms of maintaining optimal health and survival following parturition.
- Range procedures include but are not limited to those relating to – umbilical cord, hygiene respiration, circulation, congenital abnormalities, access to mammary area.
- 2.2 Problems that may affect the mother post-parturition are described in terms of their signs, and appropriate response.
- Range retained foetal membranes, metritis, mastitis, eclampsia.
- 2.3 Problems involving milk supply of mother and suckling behaviour of neonate are described in terms of their signs, and appropriate response.
- Range insufficient milk, failure to suckle, physical abnormalities of mother, mother's fluid/nutritional supply, teat numbers.

Please note

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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

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