

Provide emergency first aid care to large animals

Level 4

Credits 12

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to assess the emergency situation, and provide immediate first aid supportive therapy to large animals until qualified help arrives and/or help is available.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Veterinary Nursing

Status Registered

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Entry information Prerequisite: Unit 5184, *Handle and transport injured large animals*, or demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.

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 0228

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

Special notes

- 1 Large animals refer to large farm animals and horses.
- 2 For credit, evidence must be in accordance with the statutory and industry requirements contained in the following documents. Relevant and current National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (NAWAC) Codes of Welfare and Codes of Recommendations and Minimum Standards, available at <http://www.maf.govt.nz>, under animal welfare.

Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards, available from NZVA, PO Box 11-212, Manners Street, Wellington (<http://www.vets.org.nz>) including *Standard Procedures for Veterinary Nursing and Animal Care* (referred to in this unit standard as *standard procedures*).

Animal Welfare Act 1999, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and any subsequent amendments.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Assess the emergency situation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Situation is assessed to determine further action required.
- Range life threatening emergency, emergency requiring prompt action, situation requiring telephone advice, situations likely to endanger people or property, situations likely to disrupt transport or communications systems.
- 1.2 Animal is examined according to standard procedures to determine extent of injury, and details are recorded according to in-house procedures.
- Range time, place, demeanour, behaviour, mobility, breathing, airway, haemorrhage, swelling, inflammation, signs of shock, fractures, dislocations.
- 1.3 Animal is provided with immediate life support in a manner which stabilises condition.
- Range airways, breathing, circulation.
- 1.4 Veterinarian is provided with history of patient and details of injury according to observations.

Element 2

Provide immediate first aid supportive therapy until qualified help arrives and/or help is available.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 First aid measures to control haemorrhage using available material are implemented until qualified advice and help can be sought and/or is available.
- Range direct digital pressure, pressure bandages, pressure points, tourniquets.

- 2.2 Risks associated with measures implemented for haemorrhage control are managed until help and/or advice is available.
- 2.3 Short term measures to manage wounds and fractures are carried out without compromising injury, until qualified advice is obtained.
- Range open wounds, closed wounds, fractures, contaminated wounds, penetrating wounds, presence of foreign bodies.
- 2.4 Animal is stabilised using immediate supportive therapy, according to the First Aid Treatment Guide, until qualified advice is sought and carried out.
- 2.5 Animal is managed to avoid further deterioration until qualified help arrives.
- Range general handling, warmth, comfort, quiet.

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

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