Title | Demonstrate and apply knowledge of health and safety in an animal facility
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Level | 3
Credits | 4

Purpose
This unit standard is intended for people working in an animal care context.

People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify risks and hazards in an animal facility; describe and document hazard control procedures in an animal facility; describe health, safety, welfare, and personal responsibilities contained in Acts and standards, Codes and guidelines relevant to an animal facility; and work safely in an animal facility.

Classification
Animal Care and Handling > Animal Care

Available grade
Achieved

Guidance Information

1 All evidence presented in this unit standard must be in accordance with:
   - Equipment manufacturer’s recommendations;
   - Workplace procedures;
   - Relevant New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) standards;
   - Relevant National Animal Ethics Advisory Committee (NAEAC) guidelines at [www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz) under Animal Welfare;
   - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
   - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
   - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
   - Resource Management Act 1991; and any subsequent amendments.

2 Definitions
   *Animal facility* refers to a facility such as an animal boarding facility, a veterinary clinic, pet shop, or animal welfare facility.
   *Workplace procedures* refer to the documented procedures for animal care, handling, and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer.
Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify risks and hazards in an animal facility.

Performance criteria

1.1 Identify animals in a facility in terms of the risks they present to personnel in the facility.

Range risk of injury to people, risk from common zoonoses.

1.2 Identify personal hazards while working in an animal facility, in terms of the harm they may cause to personnel and animals.

Range clothing, hair, footwear, lifting, carrying, handling, occupational overuse syndrome (OOS), allergies to animals or products.

1.3 Identify hazards relevant to an animal facility in terms of the harm they may cause to personnel.

Range hazards may include but not limited to – equipment, chemicals and fumes, noise, biological, radiation; gases may include but are not limited to – waste anaesthetic gases, oxygen in cylinders, compressed air; evidence is required for at least three hazards in the facility.

Outcome 2

Describe and document hazard control procedures in an animal facility.

Performance criteria

2.1 Describe hazard control in an animal facility in terms of the procedures for their elimination, isolation, and minimisation.

Range evidence is required for hazard control procedures for at least two hazards from each of – animal, personal, animal facility.

2.2 Document hazard controls.

Range includes but is not limited to – accident or incidents register, hazard register, report form; evidence is required for two hazard control documents.

Outcome 3

Describe health, safety, welfare, and personal responsibilities contained in Acts and standards, Codes and guidelines relevant to an animal facility.
Performance criteria

3.1 Describe Acts and standards in terms of their implications to health, safety, and welfare in an animal facility.

3.2 Describe Acts and standards relating to personal responsibilities in an animal facility.

Outcome 4

Work safely in an animal facility.

Performance criteria

4.1 Use equipment safely in an animal facility.

Range operating techniques, safety devices, preventative maintenance.

4.2 Manage personal safety.

Range protective clothing, personal equipment, occupational overuse syndrome (OOS), lifting, personal contamination, observation of safety information, signage, first aid facilities.

4.3 Handle and store hazardous materials.

Range may include but is not limited to – chemicals, gases, compressed air, cleaning fluids, disposable equipment, organic waste materials; evidence is required for at least four.

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