

Assist the veterinarian to perform post-mortem procedures

Level 3

Credits 3

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: prepare for post-mortem; assist the veterinarian throughout the procedure; and attend to procedures following post-mortem.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Veterinary Nursing

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Entry information Prerequisites: Unit 5189, *Follow safe working practices and standards in the animal facility*; and Unit 19894, *Demonstrate knowledge of zoonoses and their control*; 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 For credit, evidence must be in accordance with the statutory and industry requirements contained in the following documents.
Current version of Veterinary Council of New Zealand *Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinarians*, available at <http://www.vetcouncil.org.nz/>.
Current version of New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) BESTPRACTICE™ *Standards for Companion Animal and Large Animal Combined Module for Mixed Practices*, available at <http://www.vets.org.nz/>.
New Zealand Standard NZS 4304:2002 *Management of Healthcare Wastes*, and any associated regulations and/or subsequent standards.
Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and any subsequent amendments.

- 2 *In-house procedures* refer to the documented policies and procedures for animal care, handling, and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer, consistent with NZVA BESTPRACTICE™ standards.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Prepare for post-mortem.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Obtaining and recording consent is carried out according to in-house procedures.
- 1.2 Facility, equipment, and solutions are prepared as directed by the veterinarian.
Range preservative solutions, collection equipment, storage equipment.
- 1.3 Protective equipment is worn throughout the procedure according to health and safety guidelines.

Element 2

Assist the veterinarian throughout the procedure.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Needs of the veterinarian are anticipated and met, using aseptic technique appropriate to tissue sample.
- 2.2 Samples are stored in a manner which does not cause damage or deterioration.

Element 3

Attend to procedures following post-mortem.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Samples are labelled and despatched according to laboratory requirements, and in a manner which prevents damage or deterioration.
- 3.2 Cadavers are stored hygienically, and disposed of in a manner which gives no cause for client complaint, public offence, or nuisance, according to current waste management standards.
- 3.3 Room and equipment are cleaned to a state of readiness for following procedures.

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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