

Nurse hospitalised caged birds

Level 3

Credits 4

Purpose People credited with this unit standard are able to: restrain birds, administer parenteral, oral and topical medications, and immobilise a limb; prepare for and assist with avian surgical procedures, and provide post-surgical care; and respond to client requests for advice.

Subfield Animal Care and Handling

Domain Veterinary Nursing

Status Registered

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Entry information Prerequisite: Unit 5151, *Monitor health and provide husbandry for caged birds*, 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.
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 the current version of *Standard Procedures for Veterinary Nursing and Animal Care*.

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

- 2 *In-house procedures* refer to the documented policies and procedures for animal handling and ethical behaviour codes required by the employer.

Elements and performance criteria

Element 1

Restrain birds, administer parenteral, oral, and topical medications, and immobilise a limb.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Bird is restrained and parenteral medication or fluid is administered, as directed by the veterinarian, causing minimum stress to bird.
- 1.2 Oral medication or crop feeding is administered as directed by the veterinarian.
- 1.3 Fractured or damaged wings and legs are immobilised as directed by the veterinarian.
- 1.4 Methods are implemented to prevent bird interfering with injury or dressings without causing further injury.

Range sling, splint, bandage, Elizabethan collar, tape.

Element 2

Prepare for and assist with avian surgical procedures, and provide post-surgical care.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Equipment and patient are prepared for surgery according to type of surgery.
- 2.2 Patient is monitored prior to, during, and after surgery as directed by the veterinarian.
- 2.3 Patient is housed in environment as directed by the veterinarian.

Element 3

Respond to client requests for advice.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 General enquiries from clients are assessed to determine most suitable person to deal with enquiry.

Range Bird Rescue Society, aviary manager, veterinarian.

3.2 Advice within parameters specified by the practice and within the capability of self is provided in a manner which is tactful and at a level of understanding appropriate for the client.

Range breeding requirements, breeding in captivity and associated problems, general care (housing, environmental enrichment, nutrition), common disease conditions, signs of internal/external parasite infestation, methods of controlling internal/external parasites, zoonotic disease and general handling.

3.3 Need for referral to a specialist is assessed in accordance with in-house 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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