

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN

ACMM

IC401A

IMPLANT

MICROCHIP

IN CATS AND DOGS

(RELEASE 1)

Unit description

This unit of competency covers the process of competently and aseptically performing microchip implantation procedures on cats and dogs, with minimum discomfort to the animal, for identification and traceability purposes. Delivery and assessment of this unit must comply with the relevant state or territory legislation and regulations which may stipulate pre-entry requirements to be able to undertake this unit. This unit also requires the use of animals for educational activities and delivery and must comply with the requirements of relevant state or territory legislation. Therefore, it will be necessary to check with the relevant state or territory regulators for current licensing, legislative or regulatory requirements before undertaking this unit.

Application of the unit

The unit is applicable to those working in the animal care industry where it may be necessary to implant microchips into cats or dogs. Participants may include veterinary practitioners, veterinary nurses, nominated employees and shelter managers of animal welfare agencies, local government animal management officers and pound managers, animal technicians in the role of managers or supervisors in animal research laboratories and animal control officers.

In addition to legal and ethical responsibilities, all units of competency in the Animal Care and Management Training Package have the requirement for animals to be handled gently and calmly. The individual is required to exhibit appropriate care for animals so that stress and discomfort are minimised.

Estimated duration of course

The estimated duration of the theory component of the course is six (6) hours in a one-day session. The estimated practical component duration of the course is 60 days. Students are required to complete 15 microchips under the supervision of a registered veterinarian within this timeframe. Some students may complete this earlier than the 60 days; others may request an extension.

Expected delivery locations

Classroom sessions can be delivered in various locations dependent on demand for the area. Possible locations include, but are not limited to:

- Blue Mountains Shelter (121-125 Mort Street, Katoomba, NSW, 2780)
- Hunter Shelter (6-10 Burlington Place, Rutherford, NSW, 2320)
- Illawarra Shelter (54 Industrial Road, Unanderra, NSW, 2526)
- Sydney Shelter (201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona, NSW, 2199)

Expected delivery modes

This course is a face-to-face delivery of theory material. Students will receive handouts and written assessment material on the theory day. Students will be expected to complete written assessment for submission as well as the practical assessments.

Practical assessment arrangements

Post-workshop assessment will be required in order for students to be issued with a Statement of Attainment in ACMMIC401A Implant microchip in cats and dogs. To gain full certification, upon completion of the theory day, the participant must microchip a total of 15 dogs and cats (minimum of five (5) dogs, minimum of five (5) cats and then either cats or dogs for the remaining five (5)) under the supervision of a registered veterinarian only. This must be organised by the participant. Please note that RSPCA NSW is not able to accommodate students to microchip animals at our facilities. It is recommended that students organise a supervising veterinarian prior to enrolling in the course. Veterinarians must be currently registered and also currently be an authorised identifier. Animals for this component of assessment cannot be sedated.

Entry requirements

- Due to RSPCA policy, students must be at least 18 years old, with the appropriate approval to work or study in Australia.
- There are no education pre-requisites for entry into this course.
- Reasonable physical fitness is beneficial in order to undertake the work placement. Activities will involve animal handling and manual lifting.
- It would be advisable that you are employed in the industry or have ease of access to vets and animals to complete the course.

Units covered

- ACMMIC401A Implant microchip in cats and dogs

Pathways from this qualification

This unit can be completed as stand-alone learning or used as a component in completing future qualifications from the Animal Care and Management Training Package (ACM10). This unit is a Certificate IV level unit and is a suggested elective unit in the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

RSPCA Academy obligations

The RSPCA Academy is responsible for the quality of training and assessment in compliance with the Australian Skills Quality Authority's *Standards for Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) 2015*, and the issuance of AQF certification documentation when a student successfully completes this statement of attainment

Student rights

Full details of student rights and details of the RSPCA Academy's complaints and appeals processes can be found in the RSPCA Academy Student Handbook. This handbook can be downloaded from rspcansw.org.au/get-involved/education-and-training/rspca-academy.

If the RSPCA Academy closes or ceases to deliver the training product once training has commenced, a pro-rata refund will be offered to students. In addition, statements of attainment may be issued for achieved competencies up until the training ceases.

For information regarding consumer rights, visit fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Consumers/Buying_services/Education_and_training.page.

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Fee information

The full cost of the unit is \$350.00 including GST. This course is not eligible for VET FEE-HELP. Full payment must be made no later than two weeks prior to the course commencement.

Any person requiring a refund of fees paid must do so in writing in accordance with the refund policy outlined below. A **\$160 administration fee is non-refundable in every case.**

RSPCA Academy will refund part of a course payment when:

- A student has cancelled more than 14 days prior to the course commencement. In this case, the student will receive 75% of the remaining amount (remaining amount = fees paid minus non-refundable administration fee)
- A student has cancelled less than 14 days prior to the commencement. In this case, the student will receive 50% of the remaining amount (remaining amount = fees paid minus non-refundable administration fee)

RSPCA NSW will not refund course fees once the course has commenced. RSPCA NSW may need to cancel, postpone, or reschedule a course when necessary due to low enrolment numbers or due to extraordinary circumstances. If this occurs, the student will be offered an alternative date or a full refund. Application for a refund can be made by completing the Application for a Refund Form found in the Student Handbook, which can be downloaded from rspcansw.org.au/get-involved/education-and-training/rspca-academy.

Disclaimer

Enrolment in this course does not guarantee that the student will successfully complete the course. Successful completion of the course does not guarantee that the student will find paid employment in the industry. Undertaking training through the RSPCA Academy does not guarantee an interview for a paid or volunteer position at RSPCA NSW.