

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN

ACMM

IC401

IMPLANT

MICROCHIP

IN CATS AND DOGS

(RELEASE 2)

Unit description

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to aseptically perform microchip implantation procedures on cats and dogs, with minimum discomfort to the animal, for identification and traceability purposes.

Application of the unit

The unit applies to workers in the animal care industry where it may be necessary to implant microchips into cats or dogs. Candidates 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.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety and animal welfare regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

Regulatory requirements apply to this unit but vary according to state/territory jurisdictions. Users must check with the relevant regulatory authority before delivery.

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 twelve (12) weeks. Students are required to complete ten (10) microchips under the supervision of a registered veterinarian within this timeframe. Some students may complete this earlier than the twelve (12) weeks; 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 face-to-face delivery of theory material. Students will receive written assessment material on the theory day. Students will receive online access to further learning materials. Students will be expected to complete written assessments 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 ACMMIC401 Implant microchip in cats and dogs. To gain full certification, upon completion of the theory day, the participant must microchip a total of ten (10) live dogs and cats (minimum of three (3) dogs, minimum of three (3) cats and then either cats or dogs for the remaining four (4)) under the supervision of a registered veterinarian only. Supervising veterinarians and animals 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. For this component of the assessment, at least one cat and one dog must be conscious.

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 veterinarians and animals to complete the course.

Units covered

- ACMMIC401 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 (ACM). This unit is a Certificate IV level unit and is a suggested elective unit in the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing.

RSPCA NSW Training Team obligations

The RSPCA NSW Training Team 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 NSW Training Team's complaints and appeals processes can be found in the RSPCA NSW Training Team Student Handbook. This handbook can be downloaded from rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/training/.

If the RSPCA NSW Training Team 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/buying-products-and-services/buying-services/education-and-training.

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Fee information

The full cost of the unit is \$440.00 including GST. This course is not eligible for VET FEE-HELP. Full payment must be made no later than two weeks after enrolment. If enrolment occurs within two weeks of course commencement, payment must be made at time of enrolment.

Any person requiring a refund of fees paid must do so in writing in accordance with the refund policy outlined below.

A \$16 administration fee is non-refundable in every case.

The RSPCA NSW Training Team 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/what-we-do/training/.

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 NSW Training Team does not guarantee an interview for a paid or volunteer position at RSPCA NSW.