



NARCH

National Association of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists

Late Summer 2022 Newsletter



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NARCH EDUCATION SEMINAR 9th October 2022

We are very pleased to be able to provide you with details of the forthcoming NARCH 2022 Education Seminar to be held on **SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022**. We have a great programme arranged for you this year with six lectures, interspersed with the usual refreshment breaks throughout the day, including a buffet lunch. The venue will again be The

Holiday Inn, Guildford, Surrey providing delegates with plenty of space to network and meet colleagues throughout the day. The cost of delegate places for RCH's is being subsidised by NARCH and attendance at this event will be worth 7 hours CPD.



Delegate Places are now on sale and the cost for a delegate place is £45 for RCH's and £65 for non-RCH's. Please use the following link to the "Recent News"

Section of the NARCH website homepage where you can find links to purchase your place and seminar programme details. <https://narch.org.uk/Home/Index>

Our varied Programme includes a lecture from James Guthrie, Senior Surgeon, Orthopaedics / BVM&S CertAVP (GSAS) CCRT DipECVS DipACVSMR DipECVSMR FRSB FRSA MRCVS at Fitzpatrick Referrals, Godalming covering **Musculoskeletal Conditions in Working Dogs**.

Dr Pete van Dongen DVM, CertVR, MRCVS, CCRT and Dr. Rimante Butkute, DVM, MRCVS – Partners at PeRiHab, Mobile Canine Rehabilitation will give us a lecture entitled **Pain is inevitable, suffering is optional – recognising pain in the rehab patient and when to refer back to the vet**.

Our own committee member and RCH Marion Aylott with a PhD in Health Service Management and Applied Research and MSc in Biological Science, will be delivering a thought-provoking talk entitled **Hydrotherapy Success is Collaborative – think like a mushroom!**

The important subject of **pool water testing** will be covered by Colin Day of The Tintometer Ltd and Alexa Clarke BSc Hons, Certified Clinical Animal Behaviourist, Full Member of the APBC will talk on how you can **help your patient's behavioural issues**. The day concludes with Mike Aldred from the Stem Cell Vet providing us with **an insight into stem cell treatment and procedures**.

Sales of delegate places have started well and we hope that many more of you will purchase your place over the coming months. We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

AGM 20th NOVEMBER 2022 via ZOOM – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We propose to hold our 2022 AGM on **Sunday 20th November 2022** at 11am via the ZOOM platform, so please save the date.

It has been agreed that the 2022 AGM will provide all attendees with **1 hours CPD** and a CPD certificate of attendance will be emailed to all members in attendance after the event.

FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSES – Attendance Based and Online courses

We have continued to monitor the availability of attendance based courses in recent months, taking into consideration the difficulties associated with running attendance based courses during the Covid -19 pandemic.



Following a review of providers meeting NARCH requirements, it would seem that attendance based first aid refresher courses are still in short supply, with some course providers offering online courses only. As a result, the Committee has agreed that until 1st October 2022, all NARCH members needing to refresh their First Aid training will be encouraged to try to find an attendance based course (that meets NARCH requirements)

wherever possible. However, should this not be possible, members may take an online course providing the course meets NARCH requirements and this will be irrespective of whether their previous refresher had been an attendance based course or an online course.

Please do visit the first aid guidance document held in the Resource Library of the NARCH website, which provides a list of attendance based and online first aid refresher course providers meeting NARCH requirements.

The NARCH Committee will revisit this matter on 1st October 2022 to determine whether our first aid refresher rules can revert to pre-Covid times.

CHANGES TO OUR MEMBERSHIP FEE INVOICING PROCEDURES

We have recently changed how subscriptions are to be paid to NARCH.

To clarify this, all members will now receive an automatically generated invoice 14 days prior to their own specific membership fee renewal date. It will now be the responsibility of members to pay this invoice, once it is received.

Please note, NARCH will no longer be taking automatic payments from a members own PayPal Account. It is therefore important that all members make their membership fee renewal payment upon receipt of the automatically generated invoice, in order to ensure that their name remains active on the NARCH Register.



SOAP NOTES – What are they and what do they mean to YOU?

We have mentioned this regularly over the past 2 years in previous newsletters. From 1st April 2021 all patient treatment notes need to be written following the SOAP notes format which is used by the veterinary profession. Following this format will mean that all centres will be able to show clear clinical reasoning in their patient notes. SOAP is an acronym: **S-Subjective, O-Objective, A-Analysis, P-Plan.**

If you are unsure what this means for you and your centre then please review the



SOAP Presentation video (mp4 format) and the pdf document entitled “Presentation Slides for Note Taking” that you will find on the [Resource Library](#).

All RCHs must be able to demonstrate that their patient treatment notes have been written following SOAP notes format. The NARCH Guide to Professional Conduct will be amended to include SOAP notes as a requirement for all RCH's. During the audit process, our auditors look at samples of your patient treatment notes, focusing on how these have been written. It is therefore really important that you ensure your patient notes follow the SOAP notes format.

RUFFWEAR PRODUCTS CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO NARCH MEMBERS AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Many of you have already taken advantage of this valuable NARCH membership benefit which was launched in March this year.

Accapi are offering all active RCHs the opportunity to purchase Ruffwear® products at trade prices to use in their businesses. Members can also sell to their clients creating a secondary revenue stream by supplying Ruffwear® direct. **You must however be active on the NARCH Register.**

Please note that selling Ruffwear® direct to clients will not constitute a centre being able to call themselves an Accapi dealer and their centre details will not be promoted on the Ruffwear® dealer search locator.

This offer applies to all Ruffwear® products and to place your order send it by email to orders@accapigroup.com for processing, remembering to include your delivery address and contact details. Please also copy your email in to Rob Gibson rob.gibson@accapigroup.com. As long as the order is over £250, there will be no delivery charge in the UK.

Should you have any specific questions requiring clarification, please deal direct with Rob Gibson who is the Head of UK and Benelux Sales for Accapi Limited. The involvement of NARCH will be strictly limited to confirming whether or not a purchaser is an active NARCH member. NARCH will not be receiving any form of financial/non-financial incentive as this offer is purely for the benefit of NARCH members.

CPD FOR 2022 – What does your NARCH CPD record look like?

It is now past the half way point in the year and by now you ought to have at least 10 hours CPD uploaded and validated to your NARCH record.

So, make sure that you are on track with your CPD plans for 2022 – you need to have 20 hours CPD approved and validated on your NARCH record before

31st December 2022 in order to avoid temporary suspension from the NARCH register in the first week of the New Year. The Resource Library has a guidance note about CPD, so please take a look.

If you are a newly registered RCH during 2022, you will have already been advised regarding how many pro rata CPD hours you will need to complete by 31st December 2022. If you are in any doubt, please contact enquiries@narch.org.uk for assistance.



CPD FOR 2023 – PROPOSED CHANGES COMING INTO EFFECT ON 1ST JANUARY 2023



The Committee have carried out a thorough review of NARCH CPD rules and believe it is now appropriate for a change to be made to the total number of annual CPD hours required for all RCHs. The change will come into effect on 1st January 2023 and will mean that 25 hours, rather than the current 20 hours CPD, will need to be completed in each calendar year by all RCHs.

Within this new total of 25 hours, the number of uncertificated CPD hours will be limited to 15 hours, of which 5 hours only may be achieved through reading.

An explanatory email will be sent out to all RCHs in the near future explaining this change in detail and we will be updating the CPD Guidance Notes held on the Resource Library to reflect this change. The NARCH Guide to Professional Conduct will also be amended to include this change.

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