

**TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NARCH LIST OF
REGISTERED
CANINE HYDROTHERAPISTS**

Hydrotherapy Pool Use only:

If you will be providing hydrotherapy in a pool only, you will need to evidence at least **ONE** item/criteria from sections **A and B** in table 1.

Water Treadmill:

If you will be operating a water treadmill, you must have completed additional water treadmill training and evidence at least **ONE** item/criteria from each of sections **A, B, C and D** in Table 1.

N.B. (1) If you operate a treadmill without the correct treadmill qualifications you will require supervision at all times by an RCH who has gained the requisite qualifications.

N.B. (2) Any ABC qualification attained prior to 1st September 2012 no longer satisfies NARCH training requirements for new registrations.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE REGISTRATION CRITERIA TABLE ON THE FOLLOWING
PAGE:**

Table 1 - Registration Criteria

A	1	SEG Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy
	2	OCNLR Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy
	3	OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy for Veterinary Physiotherapists
	4	AIM/OCNWM Level 3 Certificate in Small Animal Hydrotherapy
	5	AIM/OCNWM Level 3 Diploma in Small Animal Hydrotherapy
	For qualifications received PRIOR to 2020	
	6	ABC Level 3 Certificate or Diploma in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals
7	K9 Hydro Services Level 5 Diploma in Hydrotherapy	
B	1	Provide evidence of 20 hours practical training either as part of a qualification listed in section A or with a NARCH Approved Practical Training Assessor (see list on following page)
C	1	SEG Introduction to Aquatic Treadmill Practice Unit (F/617/6401)
	2	SEG Hydrotherapy Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals (T/504/6475)
	3	AIM/OCNWM Practical Aquatic Treadmill Therapy (Y/617/5755)
	4	OCNLR Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy
	5	OCNLR Level 4 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy for Veterinary Physiotherapists
D	1	SEG Level 4 Advanced Canine Aquatic Treadmill Techniques (A/617/7756)
	2	OCNLR Level 4 Applied Water Treadmill Techniques for Canine Hydrotherapy (K/617/1595)
	3	AIM/OCNWM Practical Advanced Aquatic Treadmill Techniques R/617/5754 AND AIM/OCNWM Gait Analysis and Biomechanics J/617/5749 AND AIM/OCNWM Tissue Healing Processes H/617/5760
	For qualifications received PRIOR to 2020	
4	ABC Practical Application of Advanced Hydrotherapy Treadmill Treatment Techniques for Small Animals (T/505/3149) AND ABC Advanced Hydrotherapy Treadmill Treatment for Small Animals (K/505/3147)	

Exemptions applicable to Veterinary Professionals

It is strongly recommended that all Veterinary Professionals complete a Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy and that they discuss any exemptions to the qualification with their chosen Training Provider. All Veterinary Professional applications will be reviewed based upon an individual's specific qualifications and some may be eligible to join NARCH with specific units rather than the full qualification.

- **Veterinary Surgeons:** exemptions for Canine First Aid, Canine Anatomy and Physiology, and Medical Conditions and Implications for Hydrotherapy Treatment
- **RVNs:** exemptions for Canine First Aid and Canine Anatomy and Physiology
- **Veterinary Physiotherapists:** exemptions from Canine Anatomy and Physiology apply to all courses. Please follow the link for specific exemptions below, if you do not see your provider then please contact NARCH on membership@narch.org.uk as additional exemptions vary according to where you obtained your qualification. [Link to guidance document](#)

NARCH Approved Training Providers

Animal Courses Direct (Various locations)
Canine Health and Hydro (Lancashire)
Canine Therapies (Lancashire)
Greyfriars Rehabilitation and Hydrotherapy Referral Centre (Surrey)
Fylde Coast Canine Hydrotherapy (Lancashire)
Hawksmoor Training (Not currently accepting new students)
K9 Hydro Services (Suffolk)
South Coast Hydrotherapy (Dorset)
Whitehouse (now closed as a training provider)

NARCH Approved Practical Training Assessors (NAPTA)

NAPTAs can be used to complete additional practical training where 20 hours were not provided as part of a hydrotherapy qualification.

The following list shows those individuals who are **NARCH Approved Practical Training Assessors**, who meet specific NARCH training criteria. Please note that NAPTA status applies to those individuals listed and does not apply to any individual working at the centre/organisation:

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Returning to NARCH

Should an RCH allow their registration with NARCH to lapse/be cancelled/be suspended/be moved to pending re-certification for a period of 2 years or more, the following requirements will need to be evidenced to NARCH, before re-registration to NARCH will be granted:

- 10 hours proof of recent CPD training undertaken within the preceding 6-month period prior to application to re-register with NARCH

AND

- Returning after a 2 year break – 7 hours of practical training
- Returning after a 3 year break – 14 hours of practical training
- Returning after a 4 year break – 21 hours of practical training
- Returning after a 5 + year break – number of hours practical training will be individually assessed
- **ALL** practical training must be undertaken with a NARCH Approved Practical Training Assessor (NAPTA) or with a NARCH Approved Training Provider

If you require further assistance or clarification regarding NARCH Training Requirements, please send your questions by e-mail to the NARCH membership secretary: membership@narch.org.uk