



## Training requirements for inclusion on the List of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists

In order to satisfy the training requirements of NARCH membership an individual must have completed courses with **NARCH approved training providers** covering each of the following subject areas:

1. Canine/Feline First Aid
2. Pool Water Management
3. Hydrotherapy theory – use of water and therapeutic properties
4. Canine anatomy and physiology
5. Orthopaedic and neurological conditions and appropriate hydrotherapy treatment and techniques
6. Medical conditions and implications for hydrotherapy treatment
7. Cautions and contraindications for hydrotherapy treatment, including pain and pain management
8. Hydrotherapy practical handling/behaviour skills – minimum of 20 hours as part of a course or shadow training. From July 2010 practical training must be completed with a NARCH approved hydrotherapy mentor. At least 30 patients should have been treated by the hydrotherapist and NARCH will require documentary evidence of completion of practical training.

NB: Where there is an exam or assessment you must reach the required pass standard.

Applications will be reviewed on an individual basis and you should **contact NARCH** by email for guidance with your application. Supporting documentary evidence will be required by NARCH.

### **Veterinary professional training exemptions/requirements**

**Veterinary surgeons** – Must complete training in subjects 2, 3 and 8. Advised to complete subject 7 if unfamiliar with cautions and contraindications for hydrotherapy.

**Practising veterinary nurses** – Exempt from subject 1. Consideration will be given to waiving subject 4 if you can demonstrate sufficient musculoskeletal knowledge and experience.

**Veterinary physiotherapists** – Must complete training in subjects 1, 2 and 8. Advised to complete subject 7 if unfamiliar with cautions and contraindications for hydrotherapy.



## Annual CPD requirement

In order to be able to renew your membership on, or before, the anniversary of your joining NARCH you must be able to demonstrate that you have undertaken 20 hours per annum with a NARCH, BVNA or ACPAT approved course provider.

Other CPD will be considered but details should be provided for NARCH approval before booking.

Any CPD should be relevant or a useful compliment to hydrotherapy skills.

## NARCH approved course providers

The following organisations are NARCH approved training establishments. If you are considering training with another provider please check with us that the training provided covers the essential elements and is to a high enough standard to satisfy our training requirements.

**Hawksmoor Training**

**Galen Therapy Centre**

**Greyfriars Rehabilitation and Hydrotherapy Referral Centre**

**K9 Hydro Services**

**Moulton College**

**Sparsholt College**

**Whitehouse Training**