

NARCH

GUIDELINES FOR CANINE FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSES

Background

In order to satisfy the training requirements for NARCH registration, an individual must have completed courses with course providers that meet NARCH requirements, covering various subject areas including, but not limited to, Pool Water Management , Canine anatomy and Physiology and Canine/Feline First Aid.

The Canine First Aid subject area consists of a full day course involving theory and practical application in equal parts using where possible, live subjects. The course has a validity of 2 years. The course usually forms part of the training undertaken by students to achieve their ABC Level 3 Certificate in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals, which is the entry level qualification for registration to NARCH.

Requirement Number 3 of the Annual Renewal of Registration Requirements for NARCH is the provision of documentary evidence that the RCH holds a valid Canine First Aid Certificate. As the initial first aid course referred to above is valid for 2 years, this imposes a requirement for RCHs to refresh their Canine First Aid knowledge on a regular, rolling, two year basis.

Veterinary surgeons and practising registered veterinary nurses may request an exemption from Canine/Feline First Aid refresher training.

Canine First Aid Refresher Courses

New rules have recently been agreed by NARCH to enable RCHs to refresh their initial first aid training by either attending an attendance-based first aid refresher course or by completing an on-line first aid refresher course. Both types of course must be offered by course providers that meet NARCH requirements both in terms of course content and tutor qualifications.

All refresher courses are valid for 2 years and if the previous first aid refresher renewal was achieved via an on-line course, the RCH must complete an attendance-based first aid refresher course. Please see the separate section of the NARCH website which lists the various attendance-based courses and online-based courses, together with course providers, meeting NARCH requirements. All courses must be supported by an attendance certificate bearing the title of the course, the name of the student, the date, the course provider, the tutors name and the number of CPD hours awarded for the course.

Course content requirements for Attendance-Based Canine First Aid Refresher Courses

- 1.** The course would be expected to last between 4 to 6 hours in duration.
- 2.** The course must include both theory and practical application in equal parts using wherever possible, live subjects.
- 3.** In addition to standard first aid topics such as bandaging, the course must include CPR, Electrocutation, Fitting and Drowning.
- 4.** All tutors, without exception, must be either Veterinary Surgeons or Registered Veterinary Nurses.
- 5.** The course must be aimed at and designed for Canine Professionals, not pet owners.

Course content requirements for Online-Based Canine First Aid Refresher Courses

- 1.** RCHs should ensure that they study the online course and take the online examination at the end of the course in one or two sittings, rather than studying over a period of months.
- 2.** In addition to standard first aid topics such as bandaging, the course must include CPR, Electrocutation, Fitting and Drowning.
- 3.** The online course must have been written by either Veterinary Surgeons or Registered Veterinary Nurses.
- 4.** The online course must be aimed at and designed for Canine Professionals, not pet owners.

CANINE FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE PROVIDERS

Canine First Aid Refresher Course Providers - attendance-based courses meeting NARCH requirements.

(NOTE: As course providers may offer different levels of first aid refresher courses, it is important that RCHs check that the course meets the NARCH course criteria prior to booking.)

Animal Aiders www.animalaiders.co.uk

Bicton College www.bicton.ac.uk

Galen Therapy www.caninetherapy.co.uk

Greyfriars Training www.greyfriarsrehab.co.uk

Hawksmoor www.hawksmoorhydrotherapy.com

Katie Wilkinson RVN caninefirstaid@yahoo.co.uk

K9HS Canine Hydro Services www.K9hydroservices.co.uk

Rachel Bean RVN www.rachelbean.co.uk

Sparsholt College www.sparsholt.ac.uk

Whitehouse www.canine-hydro.co.uk

Canine First Aid Refresher Course Providers for on-line based courses meeting NARCH requirements.

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