

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

How to satisfy the training requirements of NARCH Registration

In order to satisfy the training requirements of NARCH Registration, 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. This 20 hours may be completed by an individual's chosen NATP (NARCH APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDER) as part of a course or completed as supplementary training either with an individual's NATP or with a NPTA (NARCH PRACTICAL TRAINING ASSESSOR). Of these 20 hours, 5 hours can include water treadmill training.
9. Underwater Treadmill - If an individual intends to operate an underwater treadmill they will need to have achieved the following qualification modules in addition to subject areas Nos. 1- 8 above :-
 - Hydrotherapy treadmill therapy for small animals
 - Practical application of advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment techniques for small animals
 - Advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment for small animals

Exemptions applicable to veterinary professionals

-Veterinary Surgeons – Exempt from subjects 1, 4 and 6

-RVN's – Exempt from subjects 1 and 4 only

-Veterinary Physiotherapists – Please contact NARCH directly as the exemptions vary according to your qualification

All Veterinary Professionals applications will be reviewed based upon an individual's specific qualifications and time spent in practice.

How to achieve the Training Requirements of NARCH Registration

In order to achieve the Training Requirements of NARCH registration as identified above, an individual will need to have been awarded one of the following Qualifications:-

- ABC Level 3 Certificate in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals
- OCNLR Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy
- ABC Level 3 Diploma in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals
- OCNLR Level 4 Award in Canine Hydrotherapy
- OCNLR Level 4 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy
- Level 5 Diploma in Hydrotherapy

PLUS

Be able to provide evidence of 20 hours practical training if 20 hours practical training is not included as part of your Level 3 training

Practical Training is defined by NARCH to mean the active involvement of the student in the practical application of hydrotherapy i.e. hands-on practical experience obtained by the student, physically in the pool, with live canines, under qualified tutor supervision. Of the 20 hours practical experience required by NARCH, some hours may be achieved through Water Treadmill training. Any practical training undertaken within the first aid module and /or the water management for small animal hydrotherapy module must be excluded.

NOTE: Please note that any ABC qualification attained prior to 1st September 2012 will not satisfy NARCH training requirements.

NARCH Approved Training Providers (NATP)

The following list shows those organisations that are **NARCH Approved Training Providers**.

NOTE : If an individual is considering training with a provider that is not listed, they should check with NARCH that the training provided covers the essential elements and is to a high enough standard to satisfy NARCH training requirements.

Animal Jobs Direct
Canine Therapies
Greyfriars Rehabilitation and Hydrotherapy Referral Centre
Hawksmoor Training
K9 Hydro Services
South Coast Hydrotherapy



NARCH Practical Training Assessors (NPTA)

The following list shows those individuals who are **NARCH Practical Training Assessors** who meet specific NARCH training criteria. Please note that the list will only comprise individuals and not organisations or centres: LIST TO BE ADVISED