

## First Aid Refresher Guidance

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE**

With immediate effect and until 1st September 2020, in view of the current spread of Coronavirus, if NARCH members are unable to attend a first aid refresher course, they will be able to do a NARCH approved online first aid refresher course irrespective of whether their previous refresher was attendance or online.

### **Background**

One of the NARCH registration requirements is the provision of documentary evidence that the RCH holds a valid Canine First Aid Certificate. RCHs are required 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. 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 qualifications 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. Must contain all the theoretical content required for the attendance Canine First Aid Refresher courses
2. Must include an examination
3. Must be approved by the NARCH committee.

## **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](http://www.animalaiders.co.uk)

**Bluebear Animal Rehabilitation** <https://www.bluebearanimalrehabilitation.co.uk/>

**Canine Therapies** [caninetherapies@btconnect.com](mailto:caninetherapies@btconnect.com)

**Diamond** [www.diamondrcs.co.uk](http://www.diamondrcs.co.uk)

**Galen Therapy** [www.caninetherapy.co.uk](http://www.caninetherapy.co.uk)

**Greyfriars Training** [www.greyfriarsrehab.co.uk](http://www.greyfriarsrehab.co.uk)

**Hawksmoor** [www.hawksmoorhydrotherapy.com](http://www.hawksmoorhydrotherapy.com)

**Katie Wilkinson RVN** [caninefirstaid@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caninefirstaid@yahoo.co.uk)

**K9 Hydro Services** [www.K9hydroservices.co.uk](http://www.K9hydroservices.co.uk)

**MK TRAINING** - [www.mktraining.co.uk](http://www.mktraining.co.uk)

**Rachel Bean RVN** [www.rachelbean.co.uk](http://www.rachelbean.co.uk)

**Shannon Blair RVN, RCH** [enquiry@dogsatdonyatt.co.uk](mailto:enquiry@dogsatdonyatt.co.uk)

**Woozelbears Hydrotherapy and Grooming** [www.woozelbears.com](http://www.woozelbears.com)

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

**Greyfriars Training** [www.greyfriarsrehab.co.uk](http://www.greyfriarsrehab.co.uk)