

NARCH - CPD RULES CLARIFIED

It is a condition of NARCH registration and part of the NARCH Guide to Professional Conduct that all RCHs undertake 20 hours CPD per year. The time line for CPD is based upon a calendar year for all members. New members first registered mid-year will have their 20 hours pro-rated based on the month their membership became active. New members are therefore strongly advised to check with NARCH Administrator Nicky Kohn enquiries@narch.org.uk for the exact number of pro-rated CPD hours expected of them in their first year of registration. Only CPD hours undertaken AFTER the date of first registration with NARCH, can be used towards a RCHs CPD total.

Failure to have the required number of CPD hours uploaded onto your NARCH record and validated by 31st December each year, will result in immediate and automatic, temporary suspension from the NARCH register.

Here are some examples of how you can gain 20 hours annual CPD:-

- Attend one or both of the NARCH Education Seminars held each year. Each Seminar is worth 7 hours CPD.
- Undertake up to 5 hours reading, either books or relevant magazine articles, to gain 5 hours CPD. We would expect to see 2 to 3 books uploaded in order to achieve the maximum of 5 hours permitted. To upload reading onto your personal NARCH record, please type in the title of the book, the author and the ISBN reference number (usually found on the back of the book). Scan the front cover of the book and upload this onto your record. The subject matter can be hydrotherapy, veterinary or canine related. See separate Reading List.
- Undertake up to 5 hours off -subject (non-hydrotherapy related) study e.g. IT training, book keeping, human first aid course, business course. This will earn you 5 hours CPD.
- Every 2 years you will need to take a First Aid Refresher Course and these carry either 3 or 4 hours CPD, so ensure you upload the certificate under the CPD section of your NARCH record, as well as under the First Aid section.
- Look at the CPD section of the NARCH website for various CPD courses and webinars that we may have publicised. Webinar providers CPD Solutions www.veterinarywebinars.com and The Vet Med Team www.VetMedTeam.com are useful links.
- Your local Vets/Referral Vets may be willing to permit you to review surgical case studies e.g. a TPLO, by watching the surgical procedure and reviewing the notes, pre and post surgery, which could be counted as CPD if signed off formally by the vet. You will need to upload a signed and dated letter from the vet, on the vets own letter-headed paper, detailing the shadow training, the procedures studied, the number of hours and the date, making sure your name is stated clearly.

There are numerous providers of canine and non-canine related courses throughout the UK where Certificates of Attendance are provided but, due to the volume and range of subject matter covered, it would be impossible for us to list them all.

It is therefore your responsibility to plan ahead and find courses that will give you the relevant CPD hours required by NARCH. If you are in any doubt OR require assistance, please contact Nicky Kohn, NARCH Administrator enquiries@narch.org.uk

REFERENCE BOOKS FOR NARCH CPD READING

- Swim To Recovery Canine Hydrotherapy Healing** ISBN -978-1-845843-41-0
- Balance Your Canine Massage** ISBN – 0-9679817-6-X
- Peak Performance** ISBN -1-888119-02-0
- The Healthy Way to Stretch Your Dog** ISBN-987-192924254-2
- Animal Physiotherapy** ISBN– 978 – 1- 4051-3195-7
- Dog Anatomy – A Pictorial approach to canine structure**
Peter C Goody ISBN 0.85131.636.0
- Dog Anatomy – A Colouring Atlas**
Robert A Kainer and Thomas O McCracken ISBN 1.888.70.3165
- Canine Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy**
Darryl L Millis, David Levine and Robert A Taylor ISBN 0.7216.9555.8
- A Guide to Canine and Feline Orthopaedic Surgery**, Fourth Edition
Hamish Denny and Steve Butterworth ISBN 978-0-632-051030-8
- Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation**
Christine Zinc ISBN 978-0-8138-1216-8
- Small Animal Neurology**
Simon J Wheeler, William B Thomas ISBN 1-874545-33-2
- Essential Facts of Physiotherapy in Dogs and Cats – Rehabilitation and Pain Management**
Barbara Bockstahler, David Levine, Darryl Millis
- The Complete Dog Massage Manual**
Julia Roberston ISBN 978-1-845843-22-9
- On Talking Terms with Dogs – Calming Signals**
Turid Regas
- Basic Biomechanics of the Muscular- Skeletal System**
Nordin ISBN 13 – 978 – 1 – 4511 – 1709 – 7
- Saunders Veterinary Dictionary**
Saunders ISBN 0-7020-2034-6
- Dominance in Dogs – Fact or Fiction**
Barry Eaton (Dogwise Publishing)
- How to Speak Dog -the Art of Dog-Human Communication**
Stanley Coren
- The Intelligence of Dogs**
Stanley Coren
- The Well Connected Dog**
Amy Snow and Nancy Zidonis ISBN 0-9645892-8
- Guide and Control your Pet Dogs Behaviour**
David Ryan ISBN 978-1-291-94611-6
- No Walks, No Worries**
Sian Ryan and Helen Zuich ISBN 978-1845846-3

GUIDANCE NOTE

NARCH - CANINE FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSES

In order to satisfy the training requirements for NARCH registration, an individual must have completed courses offered by training providers that meet NARCH requirements. Various subject areas will include modules on Pool Water Management, Canine Anatomy and Physiology and Canine/Feline First Aid.

The Canine First Aid module 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 in the previous paragraph 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.

Failure to have a current Canine First Aid Certificate uploaded to your NARCH record and validated, will result in immediate and automatic temporary suspension from the NARCH register.

Canine First Aid Refresher Courses

All refresher courses can only be valid for 2 years. Please see the separate section of the NARCH website which lists the various attendance-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 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.

If you are in any doubt as to whether a particular first aid refresher course or training provider meets NARCH requirements, please contact NARCH Administrator Nicky Kohn for assistance enquiries@narch.org.uk