

## **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 NARCH APPROVED TRAINING PROVIDER as part of a course or completed as supplementary training either with an NARCH approved training provider or with a NAPTA ( NARCH APPROVED 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 :-

**Either** – the following ABC Awards Level 3 Diploma in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals units:

- Hydrotherapy treadmill therapy for small animals
- Practical application of advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment techniques for small animals
- Advanced hydrotherapy treadmill treatment for small animals

**Or** – the following OCN London Level 4 Award in Canine Hydrotherapy unit:

- Applied Water Treadmill Techniques for Canine Hydrotherapy

### **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

K9 Hydro Services 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 will not satisfy NARCH training requirements.

PLEASE BE AWARE that Not all training providers automatically include 20 hours of practical training so you may be required to complete additional practical training in order to be eligible to join NARCH.

### **NARCH Approved Training Providers**

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.

Canine Therapies  
Greystones Rehabilitation and Hydrotherapy Referral Centre  
Hawksmoor Training  
K9 Hydro Services  
South Coast Hydrotherapy

### **NARCH Approved Practical Training Assessors (NAPTA)**

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

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