



## CPD REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDANCE

It is a condition of NARCH registration that all RCHs undertake a minimum of 25 hours CPD per year. The time line for CPD is based upon a calendar year for all members. New members who first register mid-year will have their 25 hours pro-rated, based on the month their membership became active. Only CPD hours undertaken AFTER the date of first registration with NARCH, can be used towards a RCHs CPD total. A 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.

RCHs should aim to achieve a balance of CPD topics and methods of gaining CPD. However, it is understood that since COVID there are less attendance-based courses available and therefore more online CPD will be acceptable. You must ensure that you receive and upload to your record a certificate of attendance after any course, as this is the only evidence we can accept. Unfortunately, we cannot accept a paid invoice as proof of attendance and screenshots will only be accepted as proof of uncertificated CPD (please refer to specific point below). If you require assistance or clarification regarding any CPD, please contact NARCH Administration [enquiries@narch.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@narch.org.uk)

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

- **NARCH EDUCATION SEMINARS/WEBINARS** - either attendance based or online
- **UNCERTIFICATED CPD** - up to 15 hours uncertificated to include reading, Facebook lives and podcasts. Reading is limited to 5 hours of this total and can include books, articles, or research papers. You must upload evidence of your reading onto your NARCH record. You are required to type in the title of the reading material, the author and ISBN number usually found on the back of a book and scan and upload the front cover of the book/article to your record as evidence. The subject matter can be hydrotherapy, veterinary or canine related. See separate reading list attached. For virtual events you may use a screen shot as evidence providing it shows the date and time plus the subject.
- **TRAINING/LECTURING** - if you deliver lectures or train others in hydrotherapy or related subjects, you may apply to NARCH for approval to claim CPD hours for lecture preparation and delivery or training.
- **OFF-SUBJECT STUDY** - you may include 5 hours "off-subject" that is, non-hydrotherapy related study, for example IT training, a book-keeping course, a human first aid course or a business course.
- **FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSES** – these carry CPD hours so ensure you upload the certificate under the CPD section of your record, as well as under the First Aid section.
- **SHADOWING** - this entails observing an allied professional for example a Veterinary Surgeon, Physiotherapist or Massage therapist. As evidence, you are required to obtain and upload a signed and dated letter from the professional concerned, typed on their own headed paper. The letter should identify you as the learner, contain details of the procedures you observed, the number of observation hours and the date of such observation.
- **WEBINARS** - ensure you receive and upload to your record a certificate of attendance after any course. We have put together a list of potential webinar providers on the following page.



- **DEGREE COURSES** - If you are studying a veterinary, physiotherapy or related degree course you ought to be able to use this for annual CPD, but please check first with NARCH for confirmation. You will be required to obtain and upload an email from your tutor after each academic year. The email should name the course, identify you as the student and confirm your attendance, together with the approximate number of hours you have undertaken at the end of each academic year.

- **ROLLOVER OF HOURS** – You may be eligible to receive rollover hours for the next year if you significantly exceeded the CPD hours required for one year. The NARCH education committee evaluates this on a case-by-case basis. Please contact NARCH if you wish to be considered.

**A SELECTION OF CPD COURSES AND WEBINAR PROVIDERS - please note that this list is not exhaustive and there will be many more CPD courses that you may identify online.**

<https://www.centreofexcellence.com/shop/animal-care-courses/>

[Sarah Whitehead \(thinkific.com\)](http://thinkific.com)

<https://www.coursera.org> (numerous dog related online courses)

<https://www.udemy.com/topic/dog-care/> (dog-related and business-related courses)

[www.vetmedteam.com](http://www.vetmedteam.com)

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

[www.thewebinarvet.com](http://www.thewebinarvet.com)

[www.onlinepethealth-info.com](http://www.onlinepethealth-info.com)

[www.cpd-solutions.com](http://www.cpd-solutions.com)

[www.chestergates.org.uk](http://www.chestergates.org.uk)

[www.k9hscourses.com](http://www.k9hscourses.com)

[www.dogtrainingcollege.co.uk](http://www.dogtrainingcollege.co.uk)

[www.onlineacademies.co.uk/product-listing/0/all-courses](http://www.onlineacademies.co.uk/product-listing/0/all-courses)

[www.kachinacanine.com](http://www.kachinacanine.com) (Dr Isla Fishburn BSc Zoology and MBiolSci and PhD in Conservation Biology)

[www.animalcoursesdirect.co.uk](http://www.animalcoursesdirect.co.uk)



[www.galenmyotherapy.co.uk](http://www.galenmyotherapy.co.uk)

[Courses \(cameducation.co.uk\)](http://Cameducation.co.uk)

[www.vet-oa.com](http://www.vet-oa.com) Veterinary Osteoarthritis Alliance

[www.willows.uk.net](http://www.willows.uk.net)

<https://www.andersonmoores.com/vet/continuing-education.php>

[Welcome to the Hill's Veterinary Academy \(hillsvet.com\)](http://Welcome.to.the.Hill's.Veterinary.Academy.hillsvet.com)

<https://www.companionanimalhealth.com/page/webinars>

<https://cpdcircle.co.uk/>

<https://www.wear-referrals.co.uk/veterinary-professionals/cpd-online-webinars> (once registered you get a password to access their back library)

<https://www.boehringer-academy.co.uk/>

[www.ndsr.co.uk](http://www.ndsr.co.uk)

[SVPS Education \(thinkific.com\)](http://SVPS.Education.thinkific.com)

**Suggested Reference Books for NARCH CPD Reading** - please note that this list is not exhaustive and there will be many more canine related books, research papers or articles that you may identify as suitable reading material.

<b>Underwater Treadmill Therapy for Dogs: A Theory and Practice Book</b> (2019), Traute Schmidt & Yvonne Muller, ISBN: 978-3-748-247845
<b>The Complete Dog Massage Manual: Gentle Dog Care</b> (2020) Julia Robertson, ISBN: 978-1-787-116016
<b>Care of the Canine Athlete</b> (2018) Lowri Davies, ISBN: 978-1-910-488492
<b>Kyra's Canine Conditioning: Peak Performance, Injury Prevention, Coordination, Flexibility &amp; Rehabilitation</b> , Kyra Sundance (2019) ISBN: 978-1-631-596711
<b>Physical Therapy and Massage for the Dog</b> (2018) Julia Robertson & Andy Mead, ISBN: 978-1-138-324190
<b>Practical Physiotherapy for Small Animal Practice</b> (2015), David Prydie, Isobel Hewitt, ISBN: 978-1-118-661475
<b>Miller's Anatomy of the Dog</b> , 5th edition (2019), <u>John W. Hermanson</u> & <u>Alexander de Lahunta</u> (author) ISBN: 978-0-323-546010
<b>Dog Anatomy: A Pictorial Approach to Canine Structure</b> (1997) Peter C. Goody, ISBN: 978-0-851-316369



<b>Dog Anatomy: A Colouring Atlas</b> (2002) Robert Kainer & Thomas O. McCracken, ISBN: 978-18-934-41170
<b>Dog Anatomy Workbook</b> (2014) Andrew Gardiner, ISBN: 978-0-851-319834
<b>Canine Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy</b> , Second edition (2014) ISBN 978-1-4377-0309-2
<b>Small Animal Surgery</b> , 5 <sup>th</sup> edition (2018) Theresa Welch Fossum, ISBN: 978-0-323-443449
<b>Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation</b> , Second Edition (2018) 978-1-119-380382 Christin Zink & Janet B Van Dyke
<b>Practical Guide to Canine and Feline Neurology</b> (2015) <u>Curtis W. Dewey</u> & <u>Ronaldo C. da Costa</u> (editors), ISBN: 978-1-119-946113
<b>BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Neurology</b> , 4th Edition (2013) Simon Platt & Natasha Olby (editors) ISBN: 978-1-905-31934-3
<b>A Clinicians Guide to Myofascial Pain in the Canine Patient</b> (2020) Michele Broadhurst, ISBN: 979-8-663-881128
<b>Canine Medical Massage: Techniques and Clinical Applications</b> (2015), Narda G. Robinson & Shelley Sheets, ISBN: 978-1-583-262054
<b>Canine Communication: How to Read Your Dog</b> (2019), Kate Patterson & Rachele M. Lowe, ISBN: 978-1-760-790806
<b>Basic Biomechanics of the Muscular-Skeletal System</b> , Fourth edition, (2021) Margareta Nordin & Victor H. Frankel, ISBN: 978-1-451-117097
<b>Saunders Comprehensive Veterinary Dictionary</b> , 5th Edition, Virginia Studdert, Clive Gay Kenneth & W Hinchcliff (2020) 978-0-702-074639
<b>Canine Communication: The Language of a Species</b> (2019) Sally Gutteridge, ISBN: 978-1-794-338579
<b>Listen to Me! Exploring the emotional life of dogs</b> (2020) Patricia Hollingshead, ISBN: 978-3748247838
<b>Dog Behavior: Modern Science and Our Canine Companions</b> (2018) James C. Ha & Tracy L. Champion, ISBN: 978-0-128-164983
<b>Acu-Dog: A Guide to Canine Acupressure</b> (2011) Amy Snow & Nancy Zidonis, ISBN: 978-1-483-544403
<b>Understanding Reactive Dogs: Why Dogs React and How to Help</b> (2021) Jay Gurden, ISBN: 979-8-592-331824
<b>Canine Lameness</b> (2020) Felix Duerr, ISBN: 978-1-119-474029
<b>Dogs in Motion</b> (2016), Martin S. Fischer & Karin E. Lilje, ISBN: 978-3-981-433906