

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy – 603/5092/1

Overview

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy has been developed due to a demand from the canine hydrotherapy industry for further specialist training opportunities. This patient-focused provision allows learners to further their knowledge and skills within subject areas they would like to develop. The units are all optional, allowing learners to build the qualification based on their professional development requirements. Alternatively, learners can gain accreditation for individual units achieved.

This qualification is designed to further enhance knowledge and skills gained from achievement of the SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate for Canine Hydrotherapy Assistants or the SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy.

This qualification is recognised by the Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists (IVRAP) as providing the skills required for the industry.

What does this qualification cover?

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy qualification covers the following units:

Advanced Canine Aquatic Treadmill Techniques – This unit aims to progress a learner’s clinical competencies and treatment techniques using an aquatic treadmill, to achieve positive outcomes for the individual canine patient. It will enable the learner to develop their “therapeutic toolbox” of treatment techniques to offer a more comprehensive aquatic treadmill service.

Advanced Canine Hydrotherapy Pool Techniques – This unit aims to progress a learner’s clinical competencies and treatment techniques using a hydrotherapy pool, to achieve positive outcomes for the individual canine patient. It will enable the learner to develop their “therapeutic toolbox” of treatment techniques to offer a more comprehensive hydrotherapy pool service.

Hydrotherapy Centre Management and Business Strategies – This unit will enable the candidate to design and successfully manage a hydrotherapy centre offering a quality professional service in canine hydrotherapy.

Advanced Hydrotherapy Treatment Techniques for the Canine Orthopaedic Patient – This unit aims to progress and advance clinical competencies using appropriate clinical reasoning to achieve best outcomes for the acute and chronic orthopaedic canine patient. This unit will enable the

candidate to develop their scientific knowledge and understanding, linked to clinical practice.

Advanced Hydrotherapy Treatment Techniques for the Canine

Neurological Patient – This unit aims to progress and advance clinical competencies using appropriate clinical reasoning to achieve best outcomes for the neurological canine patient.

This unit will enable the learner to expand their scientific knowledge and understanding, linked to clinical practice.

Advanced Hydrotherapy Treatment Techniques for the Senior Canine

Patient – This unit will enable the learner to develop scientific knowledge and understanding, linked to clinical practice. By expanding management strategies for the senior canine patient, a more complete and holistic package of care can be implemented. This unit aims to progress and advance clinical competencies using appropriate clinical reasoning to achieve best outcomes for the senior canine patient.

Administering Feline Hydrotherapy Techniques and Treatments – This unit will enable the learner to develop scientific knowledge and understanding, linked to clinical practice, of the feline hydrotherapy patient. This unit aims to further develop safe and competent practice using appropriate clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills.

Advanced Hydrotherapy Techniques for Canine Fitness and Conditioning

– This unit will enable the learner to develop scientific knowledge and understanding, linked to clinical practice, in the athletic and working dog. This unit aims to progress and advance clinical competencies using appropriate clinical reasoning to achieve best outcomes for the athletic and working canine client.

Advanced Hydrotherapy and Water Management Strategies and

Solutions – This unit will enable the learner to empower their water management solutions in the canine hydrotherapy setting. This is an important part of successfully centre management in offering a quality professional service in canine hydrotherapy.

Advanced Professional and Ethical Practice for Canine Hydrotherapy

– This unit will assist the learner in gaining a deeper understanding, and explore the concept of, professional accountability and their duties as clinical practitioners. This unit aims to consider some of the moral and ethical conflicts that may be encountered when caring for, and treating, canine patients and working with colleagues. Learners will look at how to apply strategies for resolving such conflicts and/or how to seek appropriate help and advice.

Advanced Canine Behaviour for Clinical Practice – This unit will enable the learner to further develop their knowledge regarding canine behaviour, enabling them to create a more holistic approach in their canine hydrotherapy treatment techniques and programmes.

Who could take this qualification?

The qualification's versatility appeals to a wide range of clinical practitioners and allows the learner to focus on individual development opportunities. Potential

learners and the target market include those who have the desire and commitment to enhance the therapeutic service they offer. This qualification allows learners to make a more informed clinical decision when treating canine patients. It is appropriate for those who are:

- Returning to study
- Seeking a career change (subject to achievement of the pre-requisites above)
- Hydrotherapy centre owners
- Hydrotherapy centre practitioners
- Enhancing career prospects through extra qualifications
- Seeking development of enhanced clinical skills

Entry Requirements

To complete this qualification, learners must be aged 19 or over.

Entry requirements for this qualification include the:

- SEG Awards Level 2 Certificate for Canine Hydrotherapy Assistants
- SEG Awards Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy
- OCNLR Level 3 Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy
- OCNLR Level 4 Award in Canine Hydrotherapy

Learners should be aware, that this qualification requires in-depth study, critical thinking skills and the ability to be autonomous as a clinical practitioner.

What could this qualification lead to? Will the qualification lead to employment, and if so, in which job role at which level?

The SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy will provide learners with advanced knowledge and skills of hydrotherapy, who are working, or intend to work in the canine hydrotherapy sector. On completion of the qualification, learners will be able to move from a basic canine hydrotherapist role onto an advanced canine hydrotherapist role, involving more complex services in their employment.

Successful completion of this qualification will provide learners with the skills and knowledge to work in the sector, in addition to being eligible to apply for professional membership of the Institute of Canine Hydrotherapists (ICH), a subgroup of the Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists (IRVAP). This membership body fully endorses and support this qualification, with learners receiving the IRVAP logo on their certificates on completion of the qualification. Benefits of the IRVAP membership include CPD courses and training to access of a variety of resources, amongst many other opportunities.

Will the qualification support progression to further learning, if so, what to?

Successful completion of the SEG Awards Level 4 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy can lead to further higher education opportunities within the animal care sector and further vocational training with this field, including technical training and CPD. The specialist skills acquired will aid learners to build

on their experience within the sector and enable them to progress in their learning and employment. This qualification is also transferable into a range of other career and educational opportunities.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the qualification can be found on our website.