

## Purpose Statement

# SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Canine Massage – 610/3556/7

## Overview

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Canine Massage has been designed to develop knowledge and skills in therapeutic massage for canines and will provide learners with the necessary knowledge and skills relating to canine massage. This includes acquiring a comprehensive understanding of canine behaviour, anatomy and physiology as well as mastering a range of massage techniques and their application to improve canine well-being enabling the learners to assess musculoskeletal issues in canines.

## Who is this qualification for?

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Canine Massage is designed for learners of the age of 16 and over, who have a passion in canine care and who are passionate about developing skills in canine healthcare.

There are no entry requirements for this qualification. However, it is expected for learners to have working knowledge of at least Level 2 with good working levels of English and Maths.

## What does the qualification cover?

The qualification covers:

- > **The Fundamentals of Canine Massage** - Learners will gain knowledge of a solid foundation in the principles and techniques of canine massage therapy. The unit is designed to develop the necessary knowledge and skills to perform basic massage techniques on canines.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- > **Water Massage for Canines** - Learners will explore the benefits of incorporating water-based therapies into canine massage programmes. Learners will acquire the essential knowledge to support with strategies to perform water massage techniques safely and effectively on canines.

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- > **Canine Conduct in a Therapy Environment** - Learners will understand how canines behave in the therapy setting and acknowledge the importance of creating a stress-free environment for the canine and staff.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- > **Essential Strategies for Canine Massage** - Learners will acknowledge the variety of massage techniques for canines and identify specific strategies when considering the appropriate course of treatment to suit individual canines and their specific needs. They will understand the importance of ethical practice and prioritising the canine's welfare.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- > **Physical and Behavioural Examination of a Canine** - Learners will learn about the way dogs walk and how to evaluate their physical condition. They will also learn how to observe the posture of canines and assess the strength of their muscles.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- > **Frequent Nerve and Orthopaedic Conditions Introduced for Massage Therapy** - Learners will acknowledge the nervous system and orthopaedic circumstances recommended for massage therapy. Learners will acknowledge familiar medicinal conditions in canines shown for massage therapy. They will acknowledge how to control circumstances shown in massage therapy.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- > **Methods for Healing Canine Tissue** - Learners will acknowledge the recovery process and manage discomfort in association with massage therapy. Learners will acknowledge the appropriate amount of time for canine massage in association with massage therapy.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

- > **The Application of Massage Techniques in Canines** - Learners will gain the foundational principles of massage therapy, including body mechanics, canine positioning and use of equipment. Learners will gain knowledge on maintaining good record keeping and have an awareness of the ethical considerations related to canine massage.

This unit is a knowledge and skill-based unit, requiring some physical demonstrations and 42 hours external practical hours to be completed.

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- > **The Study of Canine Anatomy** - Learners will acknowledge the musculoskeletal and muscular systems. The learners will acknowledge ligaments in canines and the cardiovascular and nervous systems.

This unit is a knowledge-based unit, with no physical requirements.

## **Practical Hours Requirement**

It is required for learners to complete 42 hours of practical training to obtain the skills required in Canine Massage. Learners will gain the required skills, knowledge and behaviours to work professionally in canine massage alongside formalising the capability of those already working in the field.

Learners will obtain the knowledge required to understand different massage techniques, essential massage strategies and healing methods for canines. It is vital for the learners to improve their knowledge from one another and build successful connections with clients.

The below units require practical training hours to be completed:

- > The Application of Massage Techniques in Canines - 42 hours

Skills and Education Group Awards have provided a Practical Training Log template for Learners to use to professionally log these hours however, use of this log is not mandatory.

## **Assessment**

This qualification is to be completed by portfolio submission including physical demonstration on live animals throughout units, with clear evidencing linked to the relevant Assessment Criteria.

Unless stated otherwise, Skills and Education Group Awards require a minimum of three examples when learners are asked to demonstrate various methods or techniques. This requirement ensures that the learner shows a clear understanding of the assessment criteria.

Where physical demonstration is required, this needs to be observed and recorded by the tutor to support the overall qualification submission.

As detailed above, there is also a 42-hour requirement of practical hours, which need to be logged and submitted as part of the overall qualification submission.

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### **What could this qualification lead to?**

Following successful completion of this qualification, learners could progress into employment in this specific area or if they wish to develop their skills and knowledge further, they can apply for alternative courses.

Learners could also look to progress within various other regulated qualifications within the Animal Care sector that Skills and Education Group Awards offers, to expand on their knowledge and experience in animal care further.

### **Further Information**

Further information on the qualification can be found on the Skills and Education Group Awards website.