

Level 3 Certificate in Small Animal Hydrotherapy – 610/4655/3

Case Studies

Whilst underpinning knowledge is vital for successfully treating canine patients, learners must be able to demonstrate practical competence in using appropriate techniques in both the hydrotherapy pool and aquatic treadmill. Learners must have hands-on experience of a variety of breeds and conditions before being assessed, including some canine athletes attending for their fitness needs.

At least 6 cases should be assessed and treated in total, (3 in pool and 3 in the treadmill), each exhibiting different orthopaedic or neurological conditions. Assessment methods must be robust, safe, valid and fair and should be consistent for all learners.

The choice of treatment techniques should reflect any precautions in relation to breed type, general fitness and length of time since injury or surgery in addition to further information provided by other MDT members. Evidence provided by the learner must be authentic, sufficient and reliable in order to achieve the learning outcomes.

The welfare and safety of the patient should be considered paramount in all decisions made throughout the treatment.