

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals – 610/5032/5

Overview

The SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals has been designed to develop knowledge and skills within small animal hydrotherapy.

Who is this qualification for?

The SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals is designed for Learners who are interested in the welfare of animals and who have previous experience working alongside them.

Learners will need to be of the age of 16 and over, and have obtained a Level 3 Qualification in Small Animal Hydrotherapy not including aquatic units within the qualification.

Skills and Education Group Awards expects approved centres to recruit with integrity on the basis of a learner's ability to contribute to and successfully complete all the requirements of a unit(s) or the full qualification.

What does the qualification cover?

The SEG Awards Level 3 Award in Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals has been designed to provide learners with fundamental information in the section of small animal hydrotherapy. The aim of this qualification includes the chance for the learners to manage and work on aquatic treadmills and evaluate the animals whilst using the equipment. The learners will develop a plan for treadmill sessions and work alongside versatile professionals.

The qualification covers:

- > **Introduction to Aquatic Treadmill Practice** - In this unit, Learners will understand how to safely use an aquatic treadmill for small animal hydrotherapy. Learners will use the basics of small animal gait analysis before, during and after a hydrotherapy session.

This unit will also include the learner administering treatment techniques, monitoring, evaluation, and therapeutic interaction for each small animal as appropriate. Learners will also consider the importance of appropriate aftercare in relation to advice to the owner. It is always imperative that

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learners act within their professional scope of practice. Learners should not engage in any manipulation techniques unless qualified to do so.

Note: Preparation and after care of the small animal for a hydrotherapy treatment session is assessed in the pool unit.

This is a knowledge and practical based unit, with requirements to physically demonstrate learning.

This unit requires 10 hours of practical training.

Practical Hours Requirement

It is required for learners to complete 10 hours of practical training to obtain the skills required in aquatic treadmill therapy for small animals.

Learners will gain the required skills, knowledge and behaviours to work professionally in small animal aquatic treadmill therapy.

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

Assessment

This qualification is to be completed by portfolio submission including physical demonstration on live / dummy animals throughout unit, 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 10 hour requirement of practical hours, which need to be logged and submitted as part of the overall qualification submission.

What could this qualification lead to?

Learners may progress into the Level 3 Award in Advanced Aquatic Treadmill Therapy. All assessment methods used throughout delivering this qualification must be reliable, fair and safe for all learners to participate in.

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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.

Centres should be aware that Reasonable Adjustments, which may be permitted for assessment, may in some instances limit a learner's progression into the sector. Centres must, therefore, inform learners of any limits their learning difficulty may impose on future progression.

Further Information

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