

## **Purpose Statement**

# **SEG Awards Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals – 610/5033/7**

## **Overview**

The SEG Awards Level 4 Certificate in Advanced 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 4 Certificate in Advanced Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals is designed for learners of the age of 16 and over, who are passionate about animal healthcare and wellbeing and dedicated to advancing their skills in therapeutic aquatic treadmill techniques.

Learners are required to have obtained at least one of the following qualifications before enrolling:

- Level 3 Qualification in Small Animal Hydrotherapy
- Level 3 Qualification in Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals

## **What does the qualification cover?**

The SEG Awards Level 4 Certificate in Advanced Aquatic Treadmill Therapy for Small Animals has been designed to build on their prior knowledge and to give the learners fundamental information on small animal aquatic therapy.

This qualification will provide learners with the chance to develop their skills further in directing the animals to walk and assess the impact of aquatic treadmill therapy.

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

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

The qualification includes the following unit:

**Advanced Small Animal Aquatic Treadmill Techniques** - This unit aims to progress a learner's clinical competencies and treatment techniques when using an aquatic treadmill, to achieve positive outcomes for an individual patient.

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It will enable the learner to develop their “therapeutic toolbox” of treatment techniques to offer a more comprehensive aquatic treadmill service.

Learners will link knowledge and understanding of small animal biomechanics and functional anatomy to treatment techniques, assisting them in devising a specific programme to meet mobility needs.

This unit will advance the small animal practitioners hydrotherapeutic clinical skills set and practice.

This unit is a knowledge and skill-based unit, requiring some physical demonstrations.

## **Practical Hours Requirement**

There is no external practical hour requirements attached to this qualification.

## **Assessments**

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

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.

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

By obtaining this qualification, Learners will have the necessary skills and knowledge to allow them the opportunity to potentially progress into employment within this field.

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.