Skills & Education Group Awards

Purpose Statement

SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Canine Massage – 610/8274/0

Overview

The SEG Awards Level 3 Diploma in Canine Massage has been designed to provide learners with the necessary knowledge and skills relating to canine massage. This includes acquiring a comprehensive understanding of canine behaviour, anatomy and physiology. Learners will be given the opportunity to use their knowledge gained to master a range of massage techniques as part of a placement, applying their skills to improve canine well-being and assessing musculoskeletal issues in canines.

This qualification has been developed with reference to the acts listed below:

- Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966
- The Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order 2015
- Animal Welfare Act 2006
- Data Protection Act 2018

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.

Under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, diagnosis, treatment and advice relating to disease or injury are generally restricted activities. The Veterinary Surgeons (Exemptions) Order 2015 provides an exemption allowing physiotherapy and related manipulative therapies when:

- the practitioner is 18 or over; and
- treatment is provided under the direction of a veterinary surgeon who has examined the animal and prescribed the treatment.

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.

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- **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 Neurological 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.

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- **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.

- **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 within an external placement provider, to obtain the skills required in Canine Massage.

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.

Animals presenting with injury, pathology, disease, orthopaedic or neurological conditions must only receive treatment with veterinary consent/referral.

The following unit requires practical training hours to be completed:

- The Application of Massage Techniques in Canines - 42 hours

Skills and Education Group Awards have provided a Placement Guidance document outlining the requirements of the placement that Centres and Learners need to adhere to. Skills and Education Group Awards have also provided a Practical Training Log template for Learners to use to professionally log their placement hours.

Assessment

This qualification is to be completed by portfolio submission.

Practical demonstration is required when undertaking the 42 hours of placement as part of The Application of Massage Techniques in Canines unit.

The 42-hour requirement for practical hours will need to be logged and submitted as part of the overall qualification submission. There will need to be

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clear evidence, from a qualified supervisor at the placement, that the hours were carried out safely and appropriately. This is to be achieved through witness testimonies, recording sessions including taking notes and providing feedback on the learner's performance.

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 canine massage.

This qualification goes hand in hand with a variety of Skills and Education Group Awards regulated qualifications within the Animal Care sector, supporting learners' knowledge and experience in animal care.

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.