

SOUTH COAST HYDROTHERAPY SCHOOL

Level 3 Certificate
in Small Animal
Hydrotherapy

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WELCOME

South Coast Hydrotherapy is located in the beautiful county of Dorset, England. On site we have a veterinary surgery, physiotherapy, agility, hoopers and dog training classes. Our hands-on training is provided at our own purpose built, larger than average, canine swimming pool with power jets, a large ramp and underwater treadmill.

Lectures are delivered by experienced hydrotherapists, veterinary nurses and dog trainers according to an accredited curriculum.

We have strict limited numbers on our courses as we believe in delivering quality not quantity and wish to maintain the friendly, personal touch and provide as much individual tuition to our learners as possible. In this way, we are able to guarantee a minimum of 40 hours practical hands on experience in the pool/treadmill, rather than just observing. We are also able to tailor our delivery of the curriculum to students individual needs.

The premises consist of a purpose built hydrotherapy unit with a larger than average teaching pool, a treadmill, kitchen and rest rooms, and secure outdoor facilities for gait and behavioural observation.

Why South Coast Hydrotherapy?

- Located in Dorset, in the South of England, close to the beautiful New Forest, where you can walk and explore between your days at the centre. We are also close to the seaside town of Bournemouth with it's great shops and award winning beaches
- A busy clinic with plenty to see including: agility, dog training, hoopers and veterinary practice
- Experienced tutors who have many years experience
- Maximum of 2 students on each course enabling you to have a lot of hand-on practice with our dogs
- 40 hours minimum practical experience - we take pride in the fact that our students are able to go straight out into the industry
- We tailor our courses as much as we can to suit your individual needs





LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN SMALL ANIMAL HYDROTHERAPY

Ofqual code: 610/4655/3

Assessment: Pass/Fail Only

Award Type: Certificate

Professional Bodies: This course is recognised by Canine Hydrotherapy Association (CHA) and National Association of Registered Canine Hydrotherapists (NARCH). Both bodies do require further training in aquatic treadmill once qualification complete (please ask for further details).

Estimated qualification time: 360

Guided learning hours: 330

Start date: Anytime

Enrolment for: 1 year

Study mode: Online and in-person practical

Entry Criteria: 18+

Practical: Learners will complete 10 days at South Coast Hydrotherapy Centre, Dorset, BH21 6RR.

Assessment Methods: Portfolio, physical demonstrations, workbook completion and professional discussions.

Units: 11

This qualification is accredited by ABC awards, part of the Skills and Education Group, a leading provider of vocational awards in the UK. This qualification is designed for learners who are wishing for a career as a hydrotherapist (aged 18 years or over). The course has also been designed for learners who already have experience of working with small animals in an employed or voluntary capacity, in roles such as animal care assistant or veterinary nurse. It is aimed at those who wish to build on their existing knowledge and skills to understand the benefits that hydrotherapy can have for canines and other small animals, with a number of conditions, and learn how to administer hydrotherapy to them. It is a rigorous qualification with a blend of knowledge and theory.



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The qualification covers:

- **Introduction to Small Animal Hydrotherapy -**

Learners will explore the different elements essential in providing safe practice.

- **Small Animal Anatomy and Physiology – Skeletal and Muscular –**

Learners will obtain an understanding of small animal structural anatomy and how the bones, muscles, tendons and ligaments work together.

- **Small Animal Anatomy and Physiology – Body Systems and Function -**

Learners will be able to understand how the body systems function and enable movement.

- **Common Small Animal Conditions -**

Learners will explore how common small animal conditions may impact on devising an individual hydrotherapy treatment programme and how to best manage.

- **Small Animal Health Status and First Aid -**

Learners will understand the importance of maintaining the health and welfare for each small animal patient in their care.

- **Small Animal Assessment Processes -**

Learners will undergo an assessment process to evaluate and provide safe and beneficial treatment.

- **Practical Administration of Small Animal Hydrotherapy Treatment in the Pool -**

Learners are required to demonstrate safe hydrotherapy practice.

- **Small Animal Behaviour for Clinical Practice -**

Learners will explore the importance of understanding small animal behaviours in context of the hydrotherapy setting.

- **Introduction to Aquatic Treadmill Practice -**

Learners will understand how to safely use an aquatic treadmill for small animal hydrotherapy.

- **Water Management -**

Learners will understand the importance of safe and effective water management for small animal hydrotherapy.

- **Professional and Ethical Practice -**

Learners will explore the importance of professional, ethical and legal responsibilities for their hydrotherapy practice.

You have 1 year to complete this course once enrolled.

We do also offer fast track learning for those who would like to obtain certification sooner.

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Students complete their theory via distance learning and complete 10 days at the centre for the practical training element.

Once payment and booking forms are complete and returned we will send you the course content and portfolio to start the process and have a look.

A couple of days later we will phone you and answer any immediate questions you have and go through how to answer it and look at booking in your practical dates (which is monday - friday for two weeks) (no less than 4 months in advance). Tutors are available via both email and telephone to assist you and answer any generalised questions you may have.

During your practical training we will teach you all the practical elements covered in the course. This includes how to undergo a health check, how to safely administer and treat a hydrotherapy session, first aid, undertake different types of water testing / looking after plant equipment etc. During this time, you will also be working and administering hydrotherapy to our client dogs so will gain a wide variety of different experiences learning to treat different patients with many different conditions. At the end of the second week you will take your practical assessments. You will also be given the opportunity during this time to ask any questions that you may have about any of the theory sides of the course.

We require the full portfolio to be sent to us no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of your practical date and then we will mark it and return with comments regarding any additional answers needed within 6 weeks. Please note: it can sometimes take students 3/4 attempts before the portfolio is complete.

Once you have finished both the practical and portfolio sections you are then finished and we can look at obtaining your certificate. This process can take a few months until we can give you your certificate, in order for your work to be moderated internally and externally.

PRICING

The cost of the Level 3 Certificate in Small Animal Hydrotherapy course is £3500.00.

We can offer 0% interest payment plans for this course, please speak to us for more details via school@southcoasthydrotherapycentre.co.uk

