

Criteria for Membership

The Canine Hydrotherapy Association represents the majority of hydrotherapy centres in the UK and welcomes new members who are currently operating or imminently opening a canine hydrotherapy centre and:

- formally accept the Aims and Code of Practice of the CHA
 - formally agree to abide by the Quality Standards set by the CHA
1. Every centre must have at least one operative holding a minimum Level 3 Certificate in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals on the Qualifications and Credit Framework plus a minimum Level 3 Aquatic Treadmill module where appropriate.

Applicants should liaise with their course provider regarding APL (approved prior learning)

This operative is also required to undertake two Individual Assessment Days (IAD's) with CHA nominated assessors. (Please ask for further details).

2. Other regulations:
 - This operative will be required to oversee the methodology and practice of all trainee/assistant hydrotherapists.
 - This operative will be required to complete a minimum of 25 hours continual professional development per annum.
 - The centre retains overall responsibility for the actions of all its employees and events occurring at the centre.
 - All centres will receive an initial visit.
 - All centres will receive a triennial (once every three years) audit.
3. Where the new applicant's nominated operative has recognisable length and evidence of experience specific to canine hydrotherapy, they may be exempt from completing the two IAD's subject to a satisfactory centre audit visit. All other regulations (2) will still apply.

Applicants should liaise with their course provider regarding APL (approved prior learning).

4. **A Qualified Animal Physiotherapist, Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Nurse** will be offered exemption from completing the Level 3 Certificate in Hydrotherapy for Small Animals on the Qualifications and Credit Framework. However, the following will be required at a minimum Level 3 on the Q&CF:

Qualified Animal Physiotherapist:

Please contact us for clarification as this may vary dependent upon your qualification.

Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Nurse:

- Water Management
- Aquatic Treadmill (where appropriate)

In all cases, two IAD's will be required where the applicant is not sufficiently and specifically experienced in canine hydrotherapy. All other regulations (2) apply.

For full details of benefits and membership fees please contact us.