

# K9HS Physiotherapy Course Brochure





## Welcome...

K9HS Physiotherapy aims to empower your canine career journey by offering you choices of high quality clinic based “hands on” training, courses and CPD (continuing professional development).

At K9HS we help each dog overcome their mobility and fitness challenges using hydrotherapy and physiotherapy treatment. We care about building a therapeutic bond to gain the dog’s trust, so they work actively with us in a proprioceptive enriched, calm and connected way. Current practice is about devising an individual treatment plan to meet each dog’s specific needs, using assessment and treatment techniques that are effective, caring and interactive with the dog.

Our instructors are canine Veterinary Physiotherapists who specialise in canine hydrotherapy, aquatic therapy, physiotherapy, rehabilitation and positive behavioural solutions.

We believe every dog deserves the best treatment available so they can enjoy a lifetime of special moments with their human family as happy and healthy dogs.

# Aspire, advance, achieve.....

All our clinic based training and courses have very strong practical “hands on” components. You will work in interactive workshops, supported with professional discussion to develop your technical skills. Added to this will be amazing opportunities to work alongside experts in their field in real veterinary physiotherapy clinics offering advanced hydrotherapy and aquatic therapy practice.

K9HS Physiotherapy Principal is Barbara Houlding, the first UK Accredited Clinical Educator in Veterinary Physiotherapy (awarded by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy) and holder of the 2017 CHA Award for outstanding service to the canine hydrotherapy industry. She delivers the clinic based courses with her amazing team of Veterinary Physiotherapists.

You will see a large range of breeds with complex problems, as well as have discussions with owners and trainers. K9HS are *the Professionals* that train professionals and your success is our success.



1. ABC Awards Level 3 Certificate in hydrotherapy for small animals (29 credits)

2. ABC Awards Level 3 Diploma in hydrotherapy for small animals (41 credits)

Both these above courses are regulated by Ofqual and certificated by ABC Awards, a qualification awarding body.

3. Accredited Level 5 Diploma in canine hydrotherapy, this professional award is licenced, audited and certificated by ABC Awards

4. Clinical CPD placement of 1, 2 or 3 days of advanced K9 treatment techniques and skills delivered by an Accredited Clinical Educator

## Empowering your study decisions

We continue to push forward boundaries in training and education using innovative and unique course designs. K9HS Physiotherapy highly values your skills and experiences and we customise our training to meet your individual need and preferred style of learning. Our aim is to create the best training experience for you in a supportive and friendly environment.

Depending on your choice of course, as a registered candidate you will have unlimited access via the K9HS website to your specific online course forum. This interactive forum is packed full of learning resources, articles and links. You also receive 1 to 1 mentoring to provide you with fantastic support throughout your studies at K9HS Physiotherapy.

In addition, every registered candidate will have free access to the NEW K9HS Pro Forum offering you live teaching, interactive discussion and so much more! This free CPD is easy to access on any device and you choose when and where you study, putting you in control.

# Successful studies.....

Our proven blended course format used on all our training and courses fosters “hands on learning” in a positive, friendly and stimulating learning environment. This aims to further develop your critical thinking skills and clinical competencies, maximising every moment of your training with our elite team of practitioners.

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You are assessed on both Level 3 courses by an Assessment Portfolio you construct with support, evidencing your achievement. This is submitted, marked, internally verified and then externally verified by ABC Awards. Your successful completion achieves your well deserved award.

The Level 5 assessment consists of:

- Assessment Portfolio: 60%
- Written Exam: 20%
- OSPE (Objective Structured Practical Exam): 20%

The successful candidate will hold a professional award for their advanced skills, clinical competencies and knowledge in canine hydrotherapy.



# FAQs

## Who is eligible for the L3 courses?

These inclusive courses are open to anyone who shares a passion for canine therapy and wishes to advance their practice. If you hold a professional qualification you can apply for RPL (recognised prior learning) and may be exempt from certain units of the Assessment Portfolio.

## Who is eligible for the L5 Course?

This inclusive course is ideal for hydrotherapists who hold the ABC Awards level 3 Certificate / Diploma in hydrotherapy for small animals, level 4 award in hydrotherapy or an industry related qualification, for example; Veterinary Surgeon (RVS), Chartered Physiotherapist, Veterinary Physiotherapist, Animal Therapist, Veterinary Nurse (RVN) etc. Candidates will be considered if they hold other qualifications that are deemed to be equivalent to the qualifications referred to above. Each application will be looked at on an individual basis and RPL is in place for this award.

## Other requirements:

International students whose first language is not English are required to have the following English language qualifications before they can register on the course.

IELTS: 7.5 (with at least 7.0 in each element)

TOEFL IBT: 109 with no less than 21 in listening, 22 in reading, 23 in speaking and 21 in writing

## Who is eligible for the Clinical CPD placements?

These inclusive training days are customised to meet the specific needs of the attendee/s, whether you are new to the industry, a prospective course candidate or an experienced clinician or para-professional wishing to advance your K9 therapy journey and practice.

## Who is K9HS Physiotherapy?

K9HS is an established training provider and represents the gold standard in hydrotherapy. We have the most rigorous quality assurance (QA) and checking system in place to verify and maintain our high standards in all our services. As a centre of excellence we are proud of our awarded status as an outstanding training centre by ABC Awards.

## Who are ABC Awards?

ABC Awards is a leading UK national awarding organisation with a long-established reputation for high quality support and services to the educational sector. K9HS is an approved ABC Awards centre and also part of their Quality Licence Scheme (QLS); we deliver both their regulated Level 3 hydrotherapy courses and the advanced Level 5 Diploma in Canine Hydrotherapy. K9HS Physiotherapy are the only UK course providers for this advanced award.

## Who has accredited the Level 5 Diploma course?

The Institute of Registered Veterinary and Animal Physiotherapists (IRVAP) is a professional association that represents a group of veterinary professionals working in animal therapy and healthcare. They are committed to promoting best practice for the animal patient and owner client by linking a sound scientific knowledge base to current clinical practice. Their accreditation panel offers assurance of high quality education that is current and relevant for those working in this sector.



## How to apply.....

If you have any queries or would like an application form please email  
[courses@k9hydroservices.co.uk](mailto:courses@k9hydroservices.co.uk)

Our course registrar would be delighted to hear from you.

In addition to submitting a completed online application form you are requested to send copies of the following documentation:

-  Qualification certificates
-  Membership certificates of your professional bodies (e.g. IRVAP, MRCVS, CHA, NARCH, ACPAT NAVP, etc)
-  English language qualifications you hold (if relevant)

We hope you will join us during this fulfilling stage of your career and look forward to working with you to achieve your highest goals.

Barbara

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Canine hydrotherapy enabling happy, healthy dogs to enjoy a lifetime of special moments with their owners

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