ANIMAL PHYSIOTHERAPY PRACTITIONER COURSE – EQUINE AND CANINE

EQUINE PRACTICAL DATES 2026

Choose your practical days to fit in with other commitments
Please discuss any specific requirements or queries directly with your tutor

Planning your practical days –

- Choose from the dates below to fit the practical days around your other commitments
- Download the pdf so that you can manage your practical dates
- Inform your tutor of the practical dates you plan to attend within 10 days of the start date to ensure the date is available. (Refer to the Your4legs Cancellations and Refunds Policy)
- Ensure any practical dates you can no longer attend are cancelled prior to 3 days before the date of the practical day to avoid the risk of incurring any additional costs. (Refer to the Your4legs Cancellations and Refunds Policy for full details)
- Make sure you attend the relevant compulsory days - see below

NOTE – COMPULSORY LECTURES:

- There are options to attend live zoom sessions for the 5 compulsory lectures if you have to travel a long distance from within / from outside the UK
- If attending compulsory lectures by live zoom, this will be classed as half a practical day

Compulsory lecture subjects **Rehabilitation practical days and therapy practical days**	**Number of lectures / practical days**
The therapy process, including gait and static assessment lecture and practise Supports home study block 1 Key learnings = details of the therapy process from initial client contact and veterinary approval through to aftercare advise. Understanding the importance of gait and static assessment and learning an assessment process.	1
Musculoskeletal and nervous system lecture Supports home study block 2 Key learnings = the anatomy and function of muscles, tendons, ligaments, fascia, bones and joints, the equine skin and nervous system and how these systems work together.	1
An introduction to illnesses, injuries and conditions and rehabilitation Supports home study block 3 Key learnings = common conditions, illnesses and accidents based on equine breeds, conformation and activities. Covering the veterinary diagnosis and the healing process. Introducing key exercises and tools for supporting equine rehabilitation.	1
Saddle fitting lecture and podiatry lecture Both lectures support home study block 3 **Saddle fitting lecture** key learnings = the influence a saddle and rider have on the balance of the horse and the importance of good saddle fit. Also covering the training process to become a saddle fitter, saddle structure and the fitting process **Dentistry lecture** key learnings = the structure and number of equine teeth, the importance of good tooth balance throughout the horses' mouth and the training process to become an equine dentist.	Both lectures on 1 day
Farriery and podiatry lecture Supports home study block 3 Key learnings = the training process to become a farrier / podiatrist and the importance of good hoof balance – whether the horse is shod or barefoot. The podiatry lecture will include some elements of equine distal limb dissection.	1
Rehabilitation practise Supports home study block 3 Key learnings = defining and understanding physiotherapy and rehabilitation and its role as part of equine healing and maintenance therapy. Learning and applying a wide range of exercises and physiotherapeutic tools as part of rehabilitation. Adapting therapy techniques for use as part of rehabilitation therapy sessions. Building rehabilitation plans.	4

Therapy practical days Key learnings and practise = the entire therapy process from taking case history, gait and static assessment, therapy techniques and routine, completing therapy session sheets and feedback to the client. *Where a lecture does not take up an entire day, the rest of the day will be used as therapy practise*	13
Total number of days =	22

PRACTICAL DATES 2026

Month	Day	Date	Recommended Lectures
January	Thursday	8th	Therapy practical day
	Friday	9th	Therapy practical day
	Saturday	10th	Gait and static lecture and practise
	Sunday	11th	Rehabilitation practical day
February	Friday	6th	Therapy practical day
	Saturday	7th	Therapy practical day
	Sunday	8th	Saddle fitting and dentistry lectures
	Saturday	28th	Musculoskeletal and nervous system lecture
March	Sunday	1st	Therapy practical day
	Monday	2nd	Therapy practical day
	Tuesday	3rd	Rehabilitation practical day
April	Wednesday	15th	Therapy practical day
	Thursday	16th	Therapy practical day
	Friday	17th	Therapy practical day
	Saturday	18th	Rehabilitation practical day
May	Friday	8th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Saturday	9th	Farriery and podiatry lecture
	Sunday	10th	Therapy practical day
	Monday	11th	Therapy practical day
June	Friday	12th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Saturday	13th	Therapy practical day
	Sunday	14th	Therapy practical day
	Monday	15th	Therapy practical day
July	Saturday	11th	Gait and static lecture and practise
	Sunday	12th	Therapy practical day
	Monday	13th	Therapy practical day
	Tuesday	14th	Rehabilitation practical day
August	Friday	7th	Therapy practical day
	Saturday	8th	Saddle fitting and dentistry lecture
	Sunday	9th	Therapy practical day
September	Thursday	10th	Therapy practical day
	Friday	11th	Therapy practical day
	Saturday	12th	Musculoskeletal and nervous system lecture
October	Thursday	8th	Illness, injuries, conditions and rehabilitation
	Friday	9th	Therapy practical day
	Saturday	10th	Therapy practical day
	Sunday	11th	Therapy practical day
	Monday	12th	Rehabilitation practical day
November	Saturday	7th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Sunday	8th	Farriery and podiatry lectures
	Monday	9th	Therapy practical day
	Tuesday	10th	Therapy practical day
December	Sunday	13th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Monday	14th	Therapy practical day
	Tuesday	15th	Therapy practical day

ASSESSMENT DATES 2026

Month	Day	Date	Assessment details
April	Sunday	26th	Practical assessment
September	Sunday	27th	Practical assessment