ANIMAL PHYSIOTHERAPY PRACTITIONER COURSE – EQUINE AND CANINE

EQUINE PRACTICAL DATES 2027

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**
Lecture – The therapy process, including gait and static assessment 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
Lecture – Musculoskeletal, skin and nervous system 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
Lecture – Illnesses, injuries, conditions and an introduction to 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
Lectures - Saddle fitting and dentistry 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.	1 Both lectures on 1 day
Lectures – Hoof care through farriery and podiatry 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

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Physiotherapeutic tools practical day Only compulsory if enrolment is during 2027, otherwise can be taken as CPD Key learnings = What are physiotherapeutic tools, how do they work and their effects on animal tissue. Looking at a range of physiotherapeutic tools in detail, including how they are applied, with live examples where available.	1 day Only required if enrolled in 2027
Rehabilitation practise Compulsory 5 days if enrolled in 2027. Compulsory 4 days if enrolled before 2027. 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 5 days if enrolled in 2027
Therapy practical days Compulsory 14 days if enrolled in 2027. Compulsory 13 days if enrolled before 2027. 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 14 days if enrolled in 2027
Total number of practical days including compulsory lectures **If enrolled in 2027 =** **If enrolled before 2027 =**	25 22

PRACTICAL DATES 2027

Month	Day	Date	Recommended Lectures
January	Friday	8th	Therapy practice day
	Saturday	9th	Lecture – Therapy process including gait and static assessment
	Sunday	10th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Monday	11th	Therapy practice day
February	Friday	5th	Therapy practice day
	Saturday	6th	Therapy practice day
	Sunday	7th	Lectures – saddle fitting and dentistry
	Monday	8th	Therapy practice day
March	Monday	8th	Physiotherapy tools practical day
	Friday	12th	Therapy practice day
	Saturday	13th	Lecture – Musculoskeletal, skin and nervous system
	Sunday	14th	Therapy practice day
	Monday	15th	Rehabilitation practical day
April	Wednesday	7th	Therapy Practice day
	Thursday	8th	Therapy practice day
	Friday	9th	Rehabilitation practical day
May	Friday	21st	Rehabilitation practical day
	Saturday	22nd	Therapy practice day
	Sunday	23rd	Lectures – hoof care through farriery and podiatry
June	Saturday	12th	Therapy practice day
	Sunday	13th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Monday	14th	Therapy practice day
	Tuesday	15th	Lecture – Illnesses, injuries, conditions and an introduction to rehabilitation

Month	Day	Date	Recommended Lectures
July	Wednesday	14th	Therapy practice day
	Thursday	15th	Therapy practice day
	Friday	16th	Lecture – The therapy process including static and gait assessment
	Saturday	17th	Rehabilitation practical day
August	Friday	6th	Therapy practice day
	Saturday	7th	Lectures – saddle fitting and dentistry
	Sunday	8th	Therapy practice day
	Monday	9th	Rehabilitation practical day
September	Thursday	9th	Therapy practice day
	Friday	10th	Therapy practice day
	Saturday	11th	Lecture – Musculoskeletal, skin and nervous system
October	Thursday	7th	Lecture – Illnesses, injuries, conditions and an introduction to rehabilitation
	Friday	8th	Therapy practice day
	Saturday	9th	Therapy practice day
	Sunday	10th	Therapy practice day
	Monday	11th	Rehabilitation practical day
November	Wednesday	3rd	Therapy practice day
	Thursday	4th	Therapy practice day
	Friday	5th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Saturday	6th	Lecture – Hoof care through farriery and podiatry
December	Saturday	11th	Rehabilitation practical day
	Sunday	12th	Therapy practice day
	Monday	13th	Therapy practice day
	Tuesday	14th	Therapy practice day

ASSESSMENT DATES 2027

Month	Day	Date	Assessment details
April	Friday	23rd	Optional pre-assessment practise day Can swap one of your set practical days for this day
	Saturday	24th	Optional pre-assessment practise day Can swap one of your set practical days for this day
	Sunday	25th	Practical assessments
September	Friday	17th	Optional pre-assessment practise day Can swap one of your set practical days for this day
	Saturday	18th	Optional pre-assessment practise day Can swap one of your set practical days for this day
	Sunday	19th	Practical assessments