

Module Title:	<b>AMTRA Veterinary Nurse: Companion Animal</b>
Subject Group:	<b>Animals</b>
Module Author:	<b>CA Ellis</b>
Module Number:	<b>AC029</b>
Credit Value:	<b>5</b>
Level:	<b>Certificate</b>
Pre-requisites:	<b>AMTRA Veterinary Nurse: BASE</b>
Co-requisites:	<b>NONE</b>
Excluded Combinations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AMTRA Merchants' SQP: Conversion</b></li> <li>• <b>AMTRA Saddlers' SQP: Conversion</b></li> </ul>
Module Approval Date:	<b>January 2006; revised Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>
Start and Expiry Date of Module:	<b>January 2006 – September 2011</b>
Courses for Which Module Validated:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AMTRA Professional Short Courses</b></li> </ul>

#### **Rationale and Context:**

Animal medicines are vital for the care of companion animals. These medicinal products are potent materials which need to be treated with respect to ensure that they are used to best effect and without causing harm to the animal, user or the environment. The manufacture, distribution and importation of medicinal products requires an understanding and application of complex laws and regulations derived from the European Community Council Directives. Veterinary Nurses have a vital role to play in the wider process of promoting animal health and welfare. The ability to independently prescribe animal medicines would enhance this role, the Veterinary Medicines Regulation 2005 and subsequent revisions preclude this. This module addresses the college mission in promoting widening participation and the recognition of work related learning through the award of academic credit. This module when successfully completed by those with the *AMTRA Veterinary Nurse: Base* module leads to the **AMTRA C-SQP Certificate** which is one route to becoming a Registered Qualified Person (RQP).

Following successful completion of this module the candidate will be able to apply knowledge from areas as diverse as legislation, animal physiology, internal and external parasites companion animals to the animal medicines industry.

### **Intended Learning Outcomes:**

1. Apply the current *Veterinary Medicines Regulations* to the prescription and/or the supply of Veterinary Medicine for use in companion animals.
2. Advise on the use of animal medicines and the prevention and control of disease in companion animals within the limits of a C-SQP

### **Indicative Content:**

- **VMD Code of Practice:** Scope, Registered premises (buildings, storage temperature control etc), Prescription and Supply.
- **Role of a RQP:** in prescribing and/or supplying authorised veterinary medicine to owners/keepers of companion animals, specifically the role and limitations for the C-SQP.
- **Control programme:** develop a range of control programmes for relevant problems in companion animals, using appropriate medicines of the classifications POM-VPS, NFA-VPS and AVM-GSL, in an authorised manner.

### **Learning and Teaching Strategy:**

- *Nature of student support*  
Candidates will draw upon experience from working as a Veterinary Nurse or equivalent experience. Materials will be provided via the AMTRA SQP Training Manual and *AMTRA Moodle* both of which will be the primary sources of delivery for those who study at a distance. Further support will be provided by the college in the form of short courses with additional course notes.
- *Pattern of study including links to other module delivery*  
Short courses will be provided at regular intervals by the college as candidate demand requires. This will ensure a flexible approach to the pattern of delivery appropriate to the needs of different candidates. Candidates will either be able to schedule the short course at the start of their study period or as a revision session shortly before the assessment.
- *Variations for different course groups*  
It is not required that the candidates undertake formal tuition to achieve the module outcome. Candidates with greater experience may elect to study at a distance by means of the AMTRA SQP Training Manual and *AMTRA Moodle* alone. Employers may in some cases provide assistance in preparation for the assessment. The Training Manual will cover all elements of the module and include study guidance.

**Assessment Strategy:**

- *Assessment format*

- **Written Examination (100%)**

The examination will be in the form of a (2hr) time constrained assessment composed of a scenario and a number of short answer and/or multiple choice questions assessing all outcomes

- *Outcomes assessed*

All outcomes will be assessed by means of the examination

**Essential Reading:**

**AMTRA** (2008). AMTRA SQP Training Manual. AMTRA

**AMTRA** (October 2008). DEFRA Code of Practice for Suitably Qualified Persons (SQPs) and Guidance for the Registration of Retail Premises AMTRA (and subsequent revisions)

**NOAH** (2008) Compendium of Data Sheets of Animal Medicines NOAH

**VMD** (October 2008) Veterinary Medicines Guidance Note No 3: Medicinal Products – Prescription, Distribution Categories & Supply. VMD

**Head of Group Approval:**

**Carwyn A Ellis**

**Date: Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 2008**