

Module Title:	AMTRA Veterinary Nurse: Companion Animal
Subject Group:	Animals
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Module Number:	AC029
Credit Value:	5
Level:	Certificate
Pre-requisites:	AMTRA Veterinary Nurse BASE
Co-requisites:	NONE
Excluded Combinations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMTRA Merchants' SQP: Conversion • AMTRA Saddlers' SQP: Conversion
Module Approval Date:	January 2006
Start and Expiry Date of Module:	January 2006 – December 2010
Courses for Which Module Validated:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMTRA Professional Short Courses

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 require 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 Regulations 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 an Registered Qualified Person (RQP).

Following completion of this module successful 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 *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 an 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 control programmes for relevant problems in companion animals, using appropriate medicines, NFA-VPS and AVM-GSL, in an authorised manner.

Learning and Teaching Strategy:

- *Nature of student support*
Candidates will draw upon experience in a relevant part of a veterinary business or equivalent experience. This experience will be supplemented by module guidance notes and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate: Code of Practice. Further support will be provided by the college which students may take advantage of. This will take the form of course notes and a short course. Materials will be provided via *harper@work*, or similar to help develop the study skills of those at a distance.
- *Pattern of study including links to other module delivery*
Short courses will be provided at regular intervals throughout the year 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 the study of the module 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 study pack. Employers may in some cases provide assistance in preparation for the assessment. The study pack will cover all elements of the module and include an assignment brief and study guidance.

Assessment Strategy:

- *Assessment format*

- **Written Examination (100%)**

The examination will be in the form of a time constrained assessment of one of the case studies and will also contain a number of short answer and /or multiple choice questions across all outcomes

- *Outcomes assessed*

All outcomes will be assessed by means of the examination

Essential Reading:

AMTRA (2006). Module Guidance Notes: Veterinary Nurse Conversion. AMTRA

VMD (2006). Veterinary Medicines Directorate Code of Practice

Head of Group Approval:

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