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Module Title:	AMTRA SQP: COMPANION ANIMAL
Subject Group:	Animals
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Module Number:	AC033
Credit Value:	5
Level:	Certificate
Pre-requisites:	AMTRA SQP: BASE
Co-requisites:	NONE
Excluded Combinations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMTRA Saddlers SQP
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, consumer 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. With the introduction of the *Veterinary Medicines Regulations* a new modular framework has been developed to provide appropriate academic provision to satisfy Registered Qualified Person (RQP) requirements.

The role of the RQP within an animal health product retail outlet is critical to the safe distribution of animal medicines. There are three eligible routes to becoming an RQP. This module forms part of the modular portfolio which leads to various Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) certificates as outlined below:

- **C-SQP = BASE + COMPANION ANIMAL**
- **E-SQP = BASE + COMPANION ANIMAL + EQUINE**
- **R-SQP = BASE + COMPANION ANIMAL + EQUINE + FARM ANIMAL**

This module addresses the college mission in promoting widening participation and the recognition of work related learning through the award of academic credit. It is designed to provide the equine specific knowledge and understanding required by those involved in the role of an animal medicine C-SQP, E-SQP and R-SQP when dealing with products for use in companion animals. Following completion of this module successfully the candidate will be able to apply knowledge from areas as diverse as legislation, animal physiology, internal and external parasites of companion animals to the animal medicines industry.

Intended Learning Outcomes:

1. Apply the VMD Code of Practice to the role of an SQP in issues related to companion animals
2. Identify the specific disease challenges of companion animals and devise appropriate methods of prevention and control within the limits of an C-SQP.

Indicative Content:

- **Role of an RQP:** Scope, Registered premises (Buildings, storage temperature control etc), prescribing and/or supplying authorised veterinary medicine to owners/keepers of companion animals.
- **UK relevant Companion Animal Diseases:**
 - a. Endo-parasites
 - b. Ecto-parasites
- **Control programme:** to cover a range 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 an animal medicine veterinary business or equivalent experience. This experience will be supplemented by *AMTRA SQP Training Manual: COMPANION ANIMAL* and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate: Code of Practice. Further support will be provided by the college in the form of additional course notes and a short course. Materials will be provided via *harper@work*, or similar to help develop the study skills of those who study at a distance.
- *Pattern of study including links to other module delivery*
Short courses will be provided at regular intervals throughout the year 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 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. Since the majority of candidates for this module are in work employers may in some cases provide assistance in preparation for the assessment.

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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). VMD Code of Practice

AMTRA (2006). AMTRA SQP Training Manual: COMPANION ANIMAL. AMTRA

NOAH (2006) Compendium of Data Sheets for Animal Medicines. NOAH

Head of Group Approval:

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