

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; revised Sept 18th 2008
Start and Expiry Date of Module:	January 2006 – September 2011
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 Regulation 2005* and subsequent revisions, a new modular framework has been developed to provide appropriate academic provision to satisfy Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) requirements.

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

- **R-SQP** = **BASE + COMPANION ANIMAL + EQUINE + FARM ANIMAL**
- **E-SQP** = **BASE + COMPANION ANIMAL + EQUINE**
- **K-SQP** = **BASE + FARM ANIMAL + COMPANION ANIMAL**
- **C-SQP** = **BASE + COMPANION 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 companion animal specific knowledge and understanding required by those involved in the role of an AMTRA SQP when dealing with products for use in companion animals. 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 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 a 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 from 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 in a relevant part of an animal medicine business, veterinary business or equivalent experience. This experience will be supplemented by *AMTRA SQP Training Manual: COMPANION ANIMAL*, Veterinary Medicines Directorate: Code of Practice and *AMTRA Moodle* to help develop the study skills of those who study at a distance.. Further support will be provided by the college in the form of short course with additional course notes
- *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 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 paper and electronic interactive Training Manuals.. Since the majority of candidates for this module are in work employers may in some cases provide assistance in preparation for the assessment.

Assessment Strategy:

- *Assessment format*

- **Written Examination (100%)**

The examination will be in the form of a (1hr) time constrained assessment of an essay and 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 (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

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