



Galen Myotherapy

COURSE PACK

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Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma Course pack contents

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It encompasses a wide educational framework including online courses, CPD opportunities and qualifications in Galen Myotherapy.

This course pack gives you information about our internationally acclaimed Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma. The Diploma course has been successfully running since 2006, and was the first externally accredited course specialising in Canine Myotherapy.

We have three versions of the diploma course ranging from the Full Diploma for those with no prior experience in canine physiology to our Diploma for Veterinary Professionals.

This course pack explains all that you'll need to know about our Level 3 courses. However please do contact us if you have any questions.

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A message from Julia Robertson

FOUNDER OF GALEN MYOTHERAPY

Hi, I'm Julia Robertson, and I'd like to thank you for taking an interest in studying with us.

I founded Galen Therapy Centre in 2002. Maybe like you, I was inspired initially by a very special dog, my special dog was called Huffo, a gorgeous yellow Labrador. He inspired me to develop a therapy that would help dogs with debilitating muscle pain, just as he suffered when he was only 6 months old.

He suffered a sudden onset postural change that resulted in him being unable to lift his head from the ground. After extensive examinations and diagnostics, there was no rationale or diagnosis for this posture and obvious pain, it was therefore recommended to have him put to sleep. This was a devastating prognosis, however, luckily we soon discovered that this condition was a relatively simple but painful muscular neck problem – it seems so obvious now!

From that moment I put together a treatment plan, mainly involving exercises and rich tea biscuits! Slowly, I was able to improve his condition and he led a happy life to the grand age of 17 years old!



This dreadful episode started my 'nightmares' as I realised that many dogs were not always getting appropriate treatment for excruciatingly painful, but manageable, muscle problems, mainly through a lack of understanding. As often happens, 'out of bad comes good', Huffo and his neck were the foundations of Galen Canine Myotherapy!

I'm thrilled to be able to say that since I set up the Galen Myotherapy Education Programme, our team of therapists have helped 1000's of dogs to lead happy and healthier lives. I'd love you to embark on your learning journey with us, and together, we can enrich the lives of dogs all over the world.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julia Robertson". The signature is stylized, with the first letters of the first and last names being large and prominent.

Why study with Galen Myotherapy

WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE

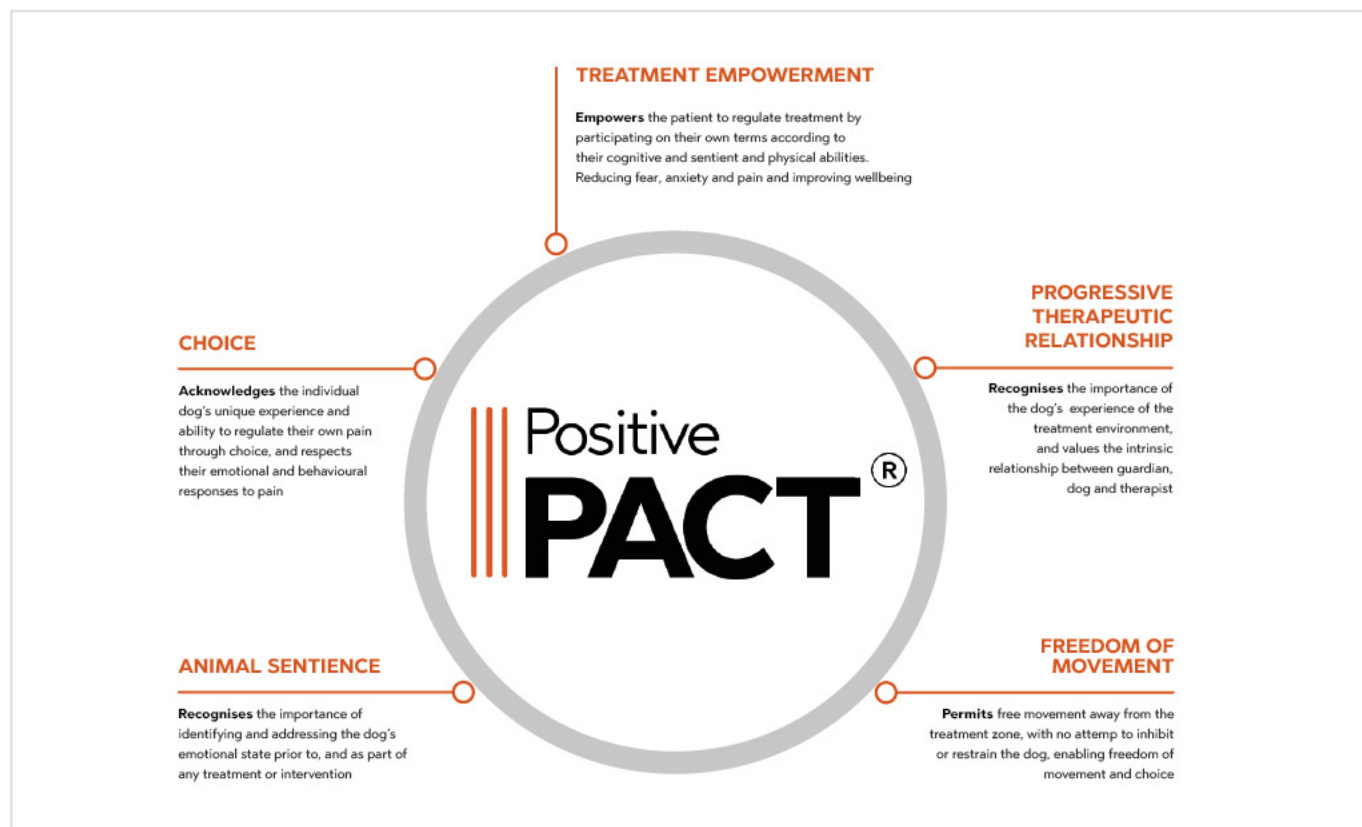


The Galen Myotherapy Diploma will give you in-depth knowledge and practical experience on how to treat dogs using massage and exercise rehabilitation therapy.

We are experts in interpreting postural and physical changes which occur in dogs suffering with muscular pain. We'll impart our knowledge so by the end of the course you can confidently use targeted massage techniques and rehabilitative exercises to provide effective pain management with measurable results within 1-3 sessions.

We differ from other canine massage teaching ideologies as we use our own method of handling dogs called 'Positive Progressive Affective Cycle of Therapy' (Positive PACT®) which allows the dog to always have a 'choice' during treatment. Established in 2002 we were the first in our field to develop a choice-led treatment for dogs.

We recognise dogs as sentient beings, who lead rich emotional lives and can experience pain. As such we never use forced restraint and treatment will always take place at a low level where a dog is most comfortable.



Our Guiding Principles

THE GALEN APPROACH

Choice - led treatment **Positive PACT®**

Julia Robertson, founder of Galen Myotherapy, developed the Positive PACT® methodology from the observation and treatment of more than 10,000 dogs over two decades.

Positive PACT® stands for Positive Progressive Affective Cycle of Therapy. It is based on a cycle of choice-led treatment involving the patient (dog), their guardian and the therapist. Facilitating the dog to have freedom of movement, during the treatment process.

It allows a dog to have autonomy over their own body and therefore autonomy over treatment of areas of painful chronic muscular issues or dysfunction. They are able to control the intensity and pace of treatment, enabling areas to be treated that would otherwise be highly resistant to any form of contact.

[Learn more about Positive PACT® by reading our science backed discussion paper here>](#)



Guardian empowerment

We recognise that when your dog is struggling, guardians want to help, and often it is difficult to become involved in their treatment. We always include the guardian in their dog's treatment plan, imparting techniques that are safe to use, along with exercise planning and 'environment' management.

High levels of specialist knowledge and training

All Galen Myotherapists are qualified to an exceptional level, they understand the dog's anatomy in terms of movement, how the dog's body works and how stress can be reflected through behaviour.

Galen Myotherapists apply Positive PACT®, our unique 'choice led treatment' protocol to ensure a relaxed environment which enhances a dog's experience and promotes effective treatment.

Behavioural understanding

We were the first therapy organisation to discuss the direct connection between muscle pain and specific behaviour patterns. We guide guardians and handlers in understanding how muscle pain can be reflected in their dog's behaviour. This information and knowledge is also invaluable when assessing and detecting changes.

Sharing of knowledge

The welfare of dogs is our primary concern, and this takes priority over all other considerations. Therefore we believe in sharing knowledge through training, workshops, symposiums and events all over the world.

Continual development

Much of our course content has changed radically over the years due to new developments in understanding the behaviour and physical changes of dogs with muscular issues. We ensure we keep up to date with the latest evidence and findings, and modify our treatment and teaching to incorporate this.

Why train with us?

EXPERTS IN CANINE REHABILITATION

We're the longest running and most experienced specialist in canine massage and rehabilitation training in the UK.

We also work internationally, and have students from all over the world studying with us.

Our programme is leading the way in prevention, management and treatment of movement and allied disorders in dogs.

Supportive learning environment

We understand the challenges of remote learning that's why we have developed a fun and interactive learning environment, you will also be supported with regular tutor contact through our dedicated Student Portal.

We also host online group tutorials every other month which is a great opportunity to ask your tutor questions and connect with other students on the course.

Delivered by experts

All our tutors are qualified teachers as well as highly qualified Galen Myotherapists with years of experience of treating dogs.

Enrol at any time

You start on the course at any time; there's no waiting for any enrolment dates.

Visit our website to enrol.

The only dates that are fixed are our practical sessions. We run two to three practical sessions per year, so you have a choice of dates.



Quality assured

Laser Learning Award Accrediting body offers Quality Marks to training organisations that can demonstrate the course provided is of the best quality for both students and tutors.



Galen Myotherapy has been awarded the Premier Quality Mark which further validates the course's consistency of quality from the learner's journey through to tutor feedback and standardisation of delivery.



Course accreditation

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Our diploma is a Level 3 externally accredited course through the LASER Learning Awards which is an Ofqual-regulated Awarding Organisation.

They have an internal and external quality assurance mechanism, ensuring standardisation and quality of teaching and student support. These are just some of the reasons why our students enjoy such a high level of recognition.

It's hard to overstate the importance of external accreditation in animal therapy and associated treatments as it ensures we meet the regulations and the very high standards set by LASER Learning Awards. We adhere to best practices which ensure every student has the same quality learning experience.

Along with the course being accredited, we also assess and moderate each student's completed work both internally (IQA) and externally (EQA).

In other words it will be assessed by your tutor then will be moderated against the standards laid down by LASER and Ofqual to ensure that the work has reached the level and standard required and that the assessments have reached the standards and levels required against the learning outcomes of the course.

Once the work has been IQA'd and EQA'd students will receive a certificate of accreditation from LASER Learning Awards.

LASER accreditation requires adherence to a strict code of teaching and support as well as upholding and complying with the policies of quality for training and equal opportunities. LASER Learning Awards is recognised by the regulatory authorities in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Galen Myotherapy has been awarded the additional quality merit of the Premier Quality Mark which is the highest accolade from LASER Learning Awards.

The Premier Quality Mark further validates the course's consistency of quality from the learner's journey through to tutor feedback and standardisation of delivery.

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The quality mark is a method of demonstrating the rigour of the IQA (Internal Quality Assurance run by Galen Myotherapy) and the standardisation of all assessors and internal verifiers. This is important because it clearly demonstrates that all tutors and assessors are assessing with the same framework, level and quality.

If you have questions about accreditation, take a look our FAQs here>



Diploma versions and suitability

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

We have four versions of the diploma course ranging from the Full Course for those with no prior experience in canine anatomy and physiology to our CPD for Vets.

All of the courses are tailored specifically to the foundation knowledge of the learner and will take you through a logical process of theoretical and practical learning, leading the student to be a fully trained Galen Canine Myotherapist.



Full Course

Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma

This is suitable for students who have no previous knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

It provides learners with foundation knowledge all the way through to the full diploma, giving students the in depth understanding required to become a Galen Canine Myotherapist.

Direct Access

Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma

This variation of the course is for those students who already have a background in anatomy and physiology.

It is suitable for those who have completed a course in Canine Anatomy and Physiology, Human Sports Therapy or Holistic Massage Therapy.

Veterinary professional

Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma

This course is suitable for those who are already working as a veterinary professional such as a degree-level qualified veterinary nurse, or a vet in training.

This course is also suitable for human or canine physiotherapists.

CPD for vets Galen Canine Myotherapy

This is the CPD version of the diploma, and is suitable for vets who would like to increase their knowledge and support animal health through Galen Canine Myotherapy treatment protocols.

Please note this version of the course does not include any theory units.

Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma Full Course

The Full Course provides learners with foundation knowledge all the way through to diploma accreditation, giving students the in depth understanding required to become a Galen Canine Myotherapist.

Each unit has four or five manageable tasks to complete. The theory work comes in a variety of formats including interactive tasks, essays, video, template completion, diagram and forms to create a flexible and engaging learning process. Each unit accounts for approximately 30-60 study hours.



The self-paced training modules will teach you the intricacies of how the canine body works, how to assess posture, behaviour and functional movement patterns.

It will give you the diverse skills needed to apply effective massage techniques and rehabilitative treatment programmes to support a dog's musculoskeletal health.

You will also learn how to apply our revolutionary Positive PACT® treatment protocol.

Tutors continually assess knowledge throughout the course as each task is assessed on submission to ensure regular constructive and open feedback.

Assessment

Each task is assessed on submission which means there are no final theory exams.

The practical assessments are completed at the end of the practical sessions and assessed by industry experts, through a strict process of standardisation.

There are no written exams and we use a variety of assessment methods including discussing case studies with a veterinary specialist within the Vet Viva at the end of the course.

Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma

Full course theory

Foundation Unit

Canine anatomy and physiology

Mammalian cellular structure, connective tissue structure and function, anatomical structure and function of synovial joints. Structure and function of muscular tissue, the canine heart, respiratory system, endocrine and digestive systems.

Theory Unit One

The principles of human massage

History of massage, benefits, contraindications, techniques used and how they influence the different systems. Palpation, homeostasis, an introduction to the physiological and psychological effects of massage, an overview of other relevant therapies, and the Veterinary Act.

Theory Unit Two

Canine locomotion and the skeletal system

Identifying the main skeletal structures, and the superficial bony structures.

The canine form, understanding and identifying the anatomical regions and directional terms of the canine.

Theory Unit Three

Canine musculature

The muscular system, location of superficial and deep muscles, fibre type and arrangement, cellular composition and anatomy, understanding muscle insertions and origins and tone. Understanding different types of muscular contraction; fascia, deep and superficial and its role. The role of tendons, ligaments, cartilage and synovial fluid.



Theory Unit Four

Principles of the canine skin, lymphatic and venous systems

The skin, structure, functions and anatomy, in relation to it being the medium for massage. The lymphatic system, its function, location and construction of major lymph vessels and nodes. Veins of the thoracic and pelvic limb, anatomy of a vein, why these are important to comprehend in relation to massage therapy.

Theory Unit Five

Principles of the nervous system, common pathologies and soft tissue injury.

Introduction to the neurological system with emphasis on the sympathetic and parasympathetic systems. Interdependencies of the body system and how massage influences the body holistically.

Common pathologies – osteoarthritis, hip dysplasia, spondylosis, OCD, muscle spasm, cramp, fatigue, dehydration.

Understanding the relevance of massage in connection with the effects of injury tissue repair, and how it can help with the prevention of muscular adhesions and scarring.

Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma: Full Course practical

Remote and hands-on practical

The practical element of the course consists of 10 days of intense and unique learning which is scientifically substantiated.

We've created a two stage guided learning experience, which provides in-depth study and practical application of Galen Myotherapy, but also allows a period of supported independent study to allow the information time to embed.

The first 5 days are delivered remotely through interactive webinars with discussion groups and Q&A sessions with some independent learning and full access and support from your dedicated tutor.

On the remote practical, you'll learn:

- Canine postural assessment
- Functional anatomy and biomechanics
- Assessing superficial anatomy of the canine
- Assessing canine biomechanics in relation to loading and posture
- Functional movement patterns and identification of compensatory issues
- Impacts of environment on the musculoskeletal system
- In-depth learning of the relationship between pain and behaviour
- Theory and application of the Galen Comfort Scale©
- Positive PACT® treatment protocol

This unique learning gives you an opportunity to gain a deep understanding of muscle dysfunction in the canine.

This is followed by 5 days of hands-on training which is focused on developing your massage techniques, understanding of rehabilitative functional movement and exercises on a variety of dogs, to enable you to confidently apply Galen Myotherapy techniques.

During the hands-on practical, you'll learn:

- Practical anatomy from a functional and applied perspective
- Translating canine's muscles, fascia and skeleton directly onto a dog
- Assessment of canine physical integrity, observations and comparisons of movement
- Massage technique application and palpation skills

Case studies

On completion of the practical you will complete 3 individual case studies.

These include:

- Visual postural and loading assessment
- Galen Comfort Scale© completion
- 3 treatments for each case study
- Home environment and activity guidance
- Appropriate exercise programme in order to enhance rehabilitation or to help sustain correct kinetic movement patterning



Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma Direct Access Course

The Direct Access Course provides learners that have the foundation knowledge, an in-depth understanding to become a Galen Myotherapist.

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Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma

Direct access theory

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Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma for Veterinary Professionals

There are two versions of the course for veterinary professionals, the Diploma which includes three theory units is suitable for veterinary nurses and veterinary physiotherapists.

Veterinary surgeons enter the course at the practical stage and are not required to complete the theory units.

The theory units have four or five manageable tasks to complete and the theory work comes in a variety of formats including interactive tasks, essays, video, template completion, diagram and forms to create a flexible and engaging learning process. Each unit accounts for approximately 60 study hours.

The self-paced training modules will teach you how to assess posture, functional movement patterns and importantly it will give you the diverse skills needed to apply effective massage techniques and rehabilitative treatment programs to support a dog's musculoskeletal health.

You will also learn how to apply our revolutionary Positive PACT® treatment protocol. Tutors continually assess knowledge throughout the course as each task is assessed on submission to ensure regular constructive and open feedback.

CPD for Veterinary surgeons

There are no compulsory theory units for Veterinary Surgeons to complete however you will have access to all the online resources.

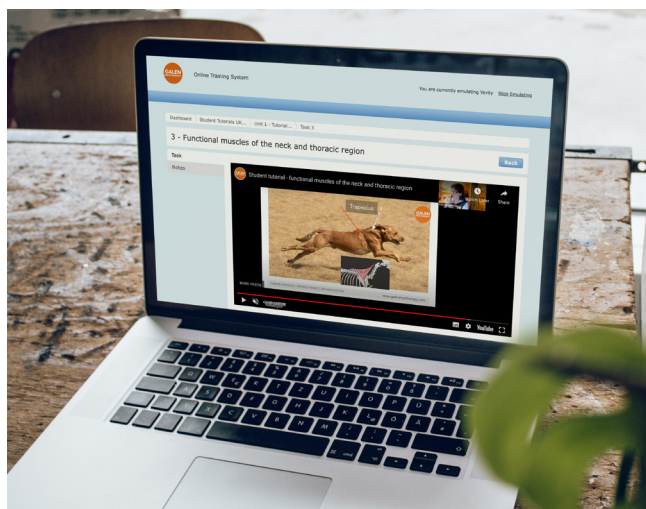
The Vet CPD is focused on practical application and therefore the course participants must attend the remote and hands-on practical along with the completion of three case studies.

Assessment

Each task is assessed on submission to ensure regular constructive and open feedback.

The practical assessments are completed at the end of the practical sessions and assessed by industry experts, through a strict process of standardisation.

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Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma Veterinary professionals theory

Theory Unit One

The principles of human massage

History of massage, benefits, contraindications, the techniques used and how they influence the different systems. Palpation, homeostasis, an introduction into the physiological and psychological effects of massage.

Gaining an overview of other relevant therapies, and the Veterinary Act.

Theory Unit Two

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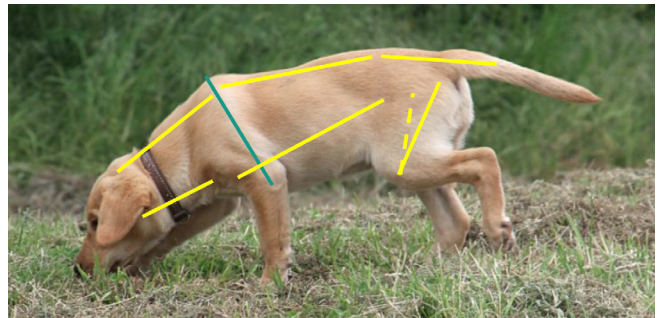
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Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma

Veterinary professionals practical

Remote and hands-on practical

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How to enrol and pricing

START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY

To enrol on the course please visit our website and select your course.

Payment plan options are available or please talk to us if you would like to discuss a bespoke payment plan.

Full Diploma

Total sum: £3733.33 excluding VAT

Payment plan: pay £100 per month for the first 3 months* then £134.47 per month for 30 months (17.5% APR). Payments are exclusive of VAT.

Direct access Diploma

Total sum: £3136.00 excluding VAT

Payment plan: pay £100 per month for the first 3 months* then £138.85 per month for 24 months (17.5% APR). Payments are exclusive of VAT.

Diploma for veterinary professionals

Total sum: £2800 excluding VAT

Payment plan: pay £100 per month for the first 3 months* then £146.88 per month for 20 months (17.5% APR). Payments are exclusive of VAT.

CPD for vets

Total sum: £2128.00 excluding VAT

Payment plan: pay a deposit of £950 then £1178.00 before attending the course. Payments shown are exclusive of VAT.

*The deposit payment is £300 but the option to split the payment over 3 months is available at checkout when paying by Klarna or PayPal.

Please note that due to the 'investment repayment' nature of any payment plans, the full price of the course must be repaid, even if you were to decide to leave the course.

Due to the different needs of our students' travel, accommodation and sustenance when attending the practical, these additional costs are not included in the cost of the course.

There is no specific requirement to purchase textbooks during the diploma course, however any purchases made by the student from our suggested reading list will be at their own cost.

Course accreditation

If you would like your work to be externally accredited and to receive a certificate of accreditation from Laser Learning Awards on completion of your course there is an additional cost of £450 to be paid upon enrolment.

What happens after I enrol

Once the deposit or the full course payment has been received you will be sent an enrolment form via email. Within the context of the enrolment we require you to upload copies of any relevant qualifications.

Once we have received your enrolment form, we will enrol you onto the course within 2 working days. Students are sent login information so that they can join our student portal which enables access to the learning resources. We will provide you with a digital manual with detailed background information on all aspects of the course.

Barbara Smith, our Head of Student Support, will be your main contact throughout your whole Galen Canine Myotherapy Diploma journey

Course timelines

We encourage students to complete all theory units before attending the hands-on practical. Below is a rough guide of how long it will take a student to complete the theory units based on how many hours of study they commit to per week.

These figures are averaged out from student and tutor data and do not take into account student's personal circumstances, learning in a second language, academic ability or resubmissions.

The second table below outlines which units students have to complete as part of their course with a guide to the percentage of time each unit takes to complete.

It also outlines the prerequisites a student must have before booking onto the practical.

Study commitment per qualification	Full Diploma	Direct Access	Diploma for Veterinary Professionals
2-4 hours per week	13-24 months	10-19 months	7-13 months
5-8 hours per week	7-12 months	5-9 months	3-6 months
9-12 hours per week	4-7 months	3-6 months	3-4 months
13-16 hours per week	3-5 months	3-4 months	2-3 months
Approximate total study hours	200 - 360	146 - 300	100 - 180
Number of theory units	6	5	3
Approximate study hours per unit	33 - 60 hours	30 - 60 hours	33 - 60 hours

Units studied	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Prerequisite for attending or booking the hands-on practical
Full course	23%	15%	19%	19%	10%	14%	100%	Complete all units up to and including unit 4
Direct access		19%	24%	25%	13%	18%	100%	Complete all units up to and including unit 4
Diploma for Veterinary Professionals		28%	35%	37%			100%	Complete all theory units
CPD for vets								Must book 3 months prior to the start of the remote practical

Post Graduate Scheme and further learning

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

As the global leader in Canine Myotherapy training, your journey doesn't end when you Graduate.

You'll have the opportunity to join our Post Graduate Scheme to continue your learning and connect with Galen Myotherapists nationally and internationally. We are committed to supporting you as an individual and as part of our global team who are supporting dogs across the world.

Before treatment



After treatment



A picture is worth a thousand words! This dog came to see Galen Myotherapist Beate Bjørnholm because it was presenting postural and myofascial dysfunction. The 'after' photo was taken after just one targeted Galen Myotherapy treatment.



Grow your business

You'll have access to our Post Grad Hub which is full of tools and resources to kick start your business. Within the Hub are downloadable branded resources, marketing content and materials to run your own online or in-person workshops.

You will also be listed on our website with links to your contact details and we encourage everyone to share their successes so we can promote them through our social channels.

A recognised qualification

You'll become a registered Galen Myotherapist, joining the most established and highly skilled team in this field internationally.

Being part of an established and highly reputable organisation gives your customers confidence and reassurance of your credentials. You will be part of a voluntary register as well as a registered Positive PACT© practitioner which acknowledges our codes of practice, conduct and ethics.

Graduates of Galen Myotherapy are eligible for membership to professional bodies such as IAAT (International Association of Animal Therapists) which provides Vets, owners and insurance companies with a register of trained professionals.

Post Graduate Scheme and further learning continued

Lifelong learning

We'll keep you up to date with the latest research and treatment methodology. You'll have access to online CPD's through the Post Grad Hub along with exclusive discounts on Galen Myotherapy courses. You'll also be invited to take part in studies and other research programmes that Galen Myotherapy may be undertaking.

You also have the opportunity to up-skill to level 5 through our 'Advanced Techniques and Functional Biomechanics' accredited certification.

A thriving support network

Join us for monthly Zoom calls where we discuss a broad range of topics along with CPD opportunities and guest speakers.

Get help with peer to peer support in our group chat anytime of the day. We have Galen Myotherapists all over the world so it's a fantastic way to keep in touch with your colleagues.

Generate additional revenue

As part of the Post Graduate Scheme you have the opportunity to generate additional revenue through our Partner Programme. We'll give you a revenue share of any Galen Myotherapy partner products that you sell using your unique voucher code.

If you would like to find out more about how Galen Myotherapy can support you post graduation or if you have questions about our Diploma course, **[please contact us.](#)**



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Galen Myotherapist at Healthy Hound Therapy

This is not just a course or a qualification but it's joining a global learning community in which there are no 'egos' or 'all about me'.

Everyone I have met, virtually or in person; be they a Galen tutor, vet, surgeon, student, experienced or new, has the same ethos of sharing knowledge & information to help everyone else with the ultimate aim of helping dogs and their guardians.

Everyone has a genuine passion for what they do and I really do feel so privileged to be part of it.

Frequently asked questions

How long does it take?

On average, our students embarking on the Full Diploma course normally graduate within three years.

The theoretical component of the diploma can take approximately 18 - 24 months to complete. You must complete all theory units before embarking on the practical.

Once you have completed the practical the remainder of the course must be completed within one year due to the accreditation requirement.

For further details about study hours, please refer to the course timeline on page 19.

What if I haven't studied for a while? Am I too old?

Don't panic! We have many students that study with us that haven't studied for a while, and we work with students of all ages and abilities.

Do I have to be physically fit to do the course?

Specifically no, however Galen Myotherapy is a physical therapy and we treat dogs at a low level. You can adapt your working position to suit your personal physical needs but a certain level of capability is required.

Please take a look at some of our videos to see how we work so you can decide whether it is appropriate for you.

What does Level 3 Diploma mean?

Level three is equivalent to A Level Standard. To qualify as a diploma the course has to have over 370 hours of learning.

How do I go about writing my first task? Where do I begin?

You will find all your tasks on our dedicated Student Portal. The questions will come in different formats but all your tasks have a comprehensive submission guide.

When you complete your first and subsequent tasks through the Student Portal, you will receive quick constructive feedback from your tutor.

Barbara Smith, our Head of Student Support will be on hand throughout your whole learning journey if you have any questions. You can contact Barbara directly through the Student Portal.

How are the questions laid out?

Below each task or question there is a learning outcome supported by an assessment criteria, which clearly describes what is required to answer each task.

In what format do I answer the questions?

We use a variety of task styles which may include template completion, diagrams, labeling of interactive tasks, essays or video submission.

If I get stuck on a task where can I turn?

There is a tutor assigned to each module. You can reach out to them at anytime through the Student Portal and they'll get back to you as soon as possible.