

This course is suitable for animal-owners looking to use massage as a part of their weekly routine with their own animals, and for professionals looking to expand their current skills and provide massage as a service. You can choose to study horse massage, dog massage, or both. *All are provided with one easy to follow home study pack, with practical tasks and set work included, followed by intensive practical tuition in massage skills, and practical set tasks to complete.*

Students work through the course notes at their own pace. Working from home gives you the opportunity to study in your own time, as and when you are able to. There is no time limit for completion of your course, so you can fit your studies in and around your other commitments - family, work, horses etc.

You may undertake the practical tuition following the successful completion and the return of the set questions contained within the study pack. Practical days are currently situated in the beautiful Exmoor countryside, and students may wish to take advantage of their visit here to go hacking or walking on the moor, amongst the many other activities available!

Practical days can alternatively be arranged closer to your own home, subject to sufficient student numbers. Tutors travel expenses will be liable.

On completion of your practical training you are then given set practical work to complete, upon which you are issued with your certificate.

You can achieve a *Certificate* in Merishia Animal Massage by completing:

1. the set work questions in the home study pack,
2. two practical days, (one day focusing on the horse, and one day focusing on the dog,)
3. the practical skills tasks set for you.



Alternatively if you would prefer to study only one animal, you can achieve a *Certificate* in either Merishia Equine Massage or Merishia Canine Massage by completing the set questions, attending the relevant practical day, and undertaking the relevant practical tasks to that animal.

In order to qualify for acceptance onto these courses, you must simply have 3 GCSE's or 'O' levels (or equivalent), and for the Equine Massage Course you must either have BHS Stable Management Stage II or experience to that equivalent, (as described in the enrolment procedure).

Course costs are as follows:

MERISHIA ANIMAL MASSAGE COURSE:
£189.00 OR £63.00 X 3 chqs

MERISHIA EQUINE MASSAGE COURSE:
£129.00 OR £43 X 3 chqs

MERISHIA CANINE MASSAGE COURSE:
£99.00 OR £33 X 3 chqs

The above costs are based on practical days in designated locations on Exmoor. Tutor travel costs are liable for practical days arranged elsewhere.

To keep course fees as low as possible we do require 3 x 1st class postage stamps to be included with the enrolment form. Payment of the course may be spread into three installments when all three cheques are submitted with the enrolment form and post-dated for consecutive months.



ENROLING ON THE COURSE

Enrolling is very easy. Follow these instructions to begin your training as a massage therapist!

1. Return the completed enrolment form together with the full course fee and 3 x 1st class postage stamps.
2. Include all cheques even if paying the balance in post dated cheques. All cheques (or Postal Orders) must be made out to **N. Routledge**
3. Date the post dated cheque/s with consecutive calendar months following the enrolment cheque. These will be held until their date, and then deposited in the bank.
4. Write the name of the person enrolling on the course on the reverse of the cheque(s).
5. You must confirm you have three GCSE's, 'O'Levels or equivalent qualifications by signing the declaration at the bottom of the enrolment form to that effect.
6. If you are studying the Equine Massage Course, you must have BHS Stable Management Stage II qualification, or equivalent experience.
7. Equivalent experience in stable management includes mucking out, feeding, watering, grooming, shoeing, care of tack and basic medical care of the horse. (I.e. if you have your own horse, or horses in your care).
8. If you do not have the qualifications/experience as detailed above, but feel you have equivalent experience to qualify you for the course, please enclose a brief summary of your experience, preferably with references.
9. If you do not have the qualifications or any experience as detailed above, but are keen to study this course, please contact us and we will be able to guide you to gaining the experience necessary for acceptance onto the course.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. The enrolment fee (ie. the first cheque or a third of the full fee) entitles you the Home Study Pack whether you continue with the course or not. The enrolment fee is NOT extra to the course fee, but is included in the fees stated.
2. Should you decide, after receiving your Home Study Pack, that you do not wish to continue with the course, the balance of your course fee (ie. two thirds of the full fee) will be returned. You must however, advise us in writing, within 14 days of the posting date of your first study pack.
3. Enrolment fees are not returnable. Course fees are subject to increases without notice.
4. Course notes are updated continually. Information given in the course work or in connection with the coursework, should be accepted as educated views and opinions, not as absolute truths.
5. Students enrolling on the courses, are deemed to have accepted, and agree to abide by, the conditions, terms and requests, as laid out in this brochure, the Enrolment Form and the Course Notes. Students agree to abide by the procedures and criteria and details as laid out in the Enrolment Form and brochure and any other related documentation provided by Hartford Equine Services/*Merishia Animal Massage Courses*.
6. If course completion has not been accomplished after two years, or if we receive no contact from a student for a period of 18 months, enrolment on any *Merishia Animal Massage Course* will assumed to have been terminated by the student.

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ENROLMENT FORM TODAY AND JOIN
THE MANY OTHERS PROVIDING
INVALUABLE MASSAGE FOR THEIR
ANIMALS.**

Merishia Animal Massage



What can Animal Massage Therapy do for you?

Massage therapy is a great way to help your animal live and work in ease and comfort. Whether you wish to improve your horse's dressage marks and jumping performance, or simply teach your dog to relax and be calmer when obedience training or playing on a daily basis, massage is a key resource with many benefits for all animals.

Anyone can learn to massage their animal. It simply takes a little dedication and practice. Many owners have found massage to be incredibly fulfilling not to mention beneficial for their animal, and you can too. Grooms, riding instructors, other animal therapists such as chiropractors, and vets have all found massage to be a very useful therapy, and combine their massage skills with their everyday work with animals.