

Diploma in Animal Osteopathy/Manual Therapy 2018/19

Our new Diploma has been revised with you in mind. The new design boasts 8 exciting days of integrated osteopathic thinking and hands-on practical, (spread over a 6-months learning period). The programme has been formatted for those who have already undertaken some degree of basic training in animal osteopathy or manual therapy for animals and can demonstrate a thorough understanding of the core foundation components, such as active and passive assessment (Inc. gait analysis) and techniques such as articulation, soft tissue and stretching.

The first weekend of the Diploma consists of two combinations days (where are all students from both pathways will come together to discuss topics that affect all animal practitioners). This will then be followed by two days of equine studies and two days of canine studies. Weekend two and three are made up of two equine and canine studies days per weekend. This equates to 8 days per pathway in total or 14 days if undertaking both. The new layout allows more time to assimilate knowledge and practice the all-important osteopathic techniques that make up the heart of this programme.

Dates for the Diploma Course 2018/2019

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Equine pathway

Weekend one

13th & 14th September - (Thursday & Friday) - to be held at ESO, Boxley House. Kent.
15th & 16th September - (Saturday & Sunday) – Plumpton College, East Sussex

Weekend two

27th & 28th October – (Saturday & Sunday) - Plumpton College, East Sussex

Weekend three

8th & 9th December - (Saturday & Sunday) - Plumpton College, East Sussex

Canine pathway

Weekend one

13th & 14th September - (Thursday & Friday) – ESO, Boxley House. Kent
17th & 18th September – (Monday & Tuesday) – ESO, Boxley House. Kent.

Weekend two

29th & 30th October - (Monday & Tuesday) to be held at ESO Boxley House

Weekend three

10 & 11th December - (Monday & Tuesday) to be held at ESO Boxley House

Case studies to be completed in early 2019 (date to be confirmed)

Course Fees

Price: £1499 per pathway or £2699.00 for BOTH

That is just £187 per day - to be taught by some of the best AO lecturers in the UK and a lecturer ratio of one tutor to every 6 students. Flexible 3-part payment scheme option available *

Students are welcome to take a single pathway or both together, as they feel suits their time and resources.

***The flexible payment option will incur an additional £50.00 fee.**

Indicative content of the Diploma course:

- Legal requirements and professionalism of working with animals
- What is osteopathy and how do we convert its principals into animal practice?
- Osteopathy - principals and concepts. How to integrate osteopathic thinking when dealing with animal patients.
- Animal case histories - osteopathic considerations
- Functional anatomical review
- Theory and practice of Balanced Ligamentous Tension and myofascial techniques for animals
- Modifying BTT and Myofascial techniques for horses (and dogs)
- Neuroanatomy of the equine/canine patient
- Neurological testing - theory and practical
- Neurologically related pathological conditions (with appropriate testing where applicable)
- Theory of toggle and adjustment techniques inc. indications and contraindications.
- Toggles and adjustment techniques for the equine/canine patients
- Equine/canine pathological/orthopaedic conditions - testing and treatment recommendations;
- Integrated case studies

Study Level 6 (suitable to use towards your RAMP hours)

Time expectations of each pathway:

Teaching Hours: 8 x 7 = **56 hours**

Home study hours: 5 hours a week x 13 week duration (to include one week of preparatory reading/practice) = **65 hours**

Case study period: 5 hours a week for 11 weeks = **55 hours**

Total hours of study per pathway: 176 hours

Both pathways = 352 hours

Please note: Delegates who do not hold an osteopathic qualification will be awarded a Diploma in Animal Manual Therapy. If you are not registered with GOsC as a human osteopath, you cannot use the title osteopath, animal osteopath or any variation thereof when working in the UK. This is because Section 32 of the Osteopaths Act states that; “A person who (whether expressly or by implication) describes himself as an osteopath, osteopathic practitioner, osteopathic physician, osteopathist, osteotherapist, or any other kind of osteopath, is guilty of an offence unless he is a registered osteopath.”

This does not stop non-osteopaths from using the techniques we teach when working. It means simply they must be marketed under another name, such as manual therapy or body work so as not to mislead the public when talking or advertising your skill set. Please remember that this is not a regulatory matter, it is a criminal offence. Therefore, the Crown Prosecution Service could bring a case against an “Animal Osteopath’ who is not GOsC registered and working in the UK.

If you are applying from outside the UK or have no intention of working in the UK, then we recommend you research the laws and regulations within your own country before applying.

In view of the additional costs related to holding events involving animal models, the ESO reserves the right to cancel or postpone these events if inadequate delegate numbers are secured. In the event that either (or both) of the Diploma Courses are cancelled by the ESO (due to inadequate numbers), delegates will be refunded any payments they have made in full. **The ESO highly recommends that any flights, hotels, car hire bookings etc., which are made in relation to this course, are booked only on a fully refundable basis.** All bookings are therefore made at the delegate's own risk and the ESO cannot be held responsible for any losses incurred. Confirmation of commencement of the course will be communicated at least 28 days prior to the event.