



National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists



Who are the NAVP?

The National Association of Veterinary Physiotherapists (NAVP) has been in existence for over 30 years and is the professional body for graduates of university animal/veterinary physiotherapy courses. Membership to the NAVP is via an accredited, externally validated university animal/veterinary physiotherapy qualification at BSc or PgD/MSc level. These are courses which have been accredited by the *Animal Health Professionals Register (AHP)* or recognised by the *Register of Animal Musculoskeletal Professionals (RAMP)*.

The association has also been involved from the start in the talks on industry regulation and totally support the need for official regulation and open discussion on the role of allied professionals within the vet led hub.

Veterinary/animal physiotherapists by law do not need to be human trained first. Like vets, vet nurses, equine dentists and farriers, they can be graduates of an accredited, externally validated university course without the need to be trained in the treatment of humans. However, all allied professionals must abide by Ss 19 and 20 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

Our Members

Members must have passed all theory and practical exams and assignments set by the universities; they will have passed three robust clinical exams before graduating and will have completed a skills log; a series of practical competency tasks designed to examine the students practical knowledge and their ability to assess and treat cases, plus a series of clinical placements.

Once accepted as members of the NAVP, members must adhere to our Conditions of Membership, Code of Conduct and Continuing Professional Development programme. All members have professional and public liability insurance and are recognised by all major insurance companies. The NAVP also have a complaints procedure which may result in disciplinary action.

Our Priority

Our priority is the welfare of the animal and to provide vets and owners with the highest standard of knowledge and care and NAVP members are working with vets at some of the most prestigious veterinary hospitals and referral centres.

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