



# Certificate Program in Canine Remedial Massage



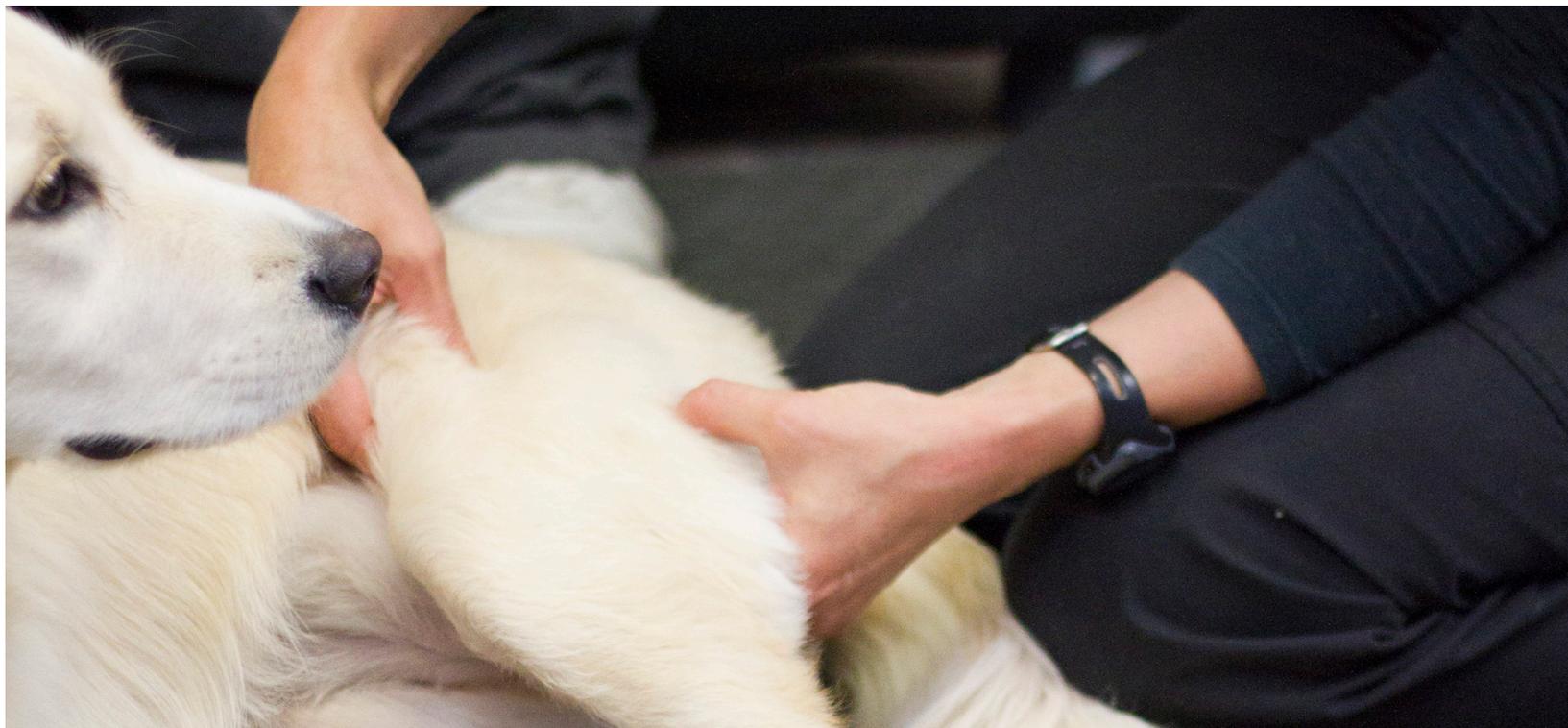
## What is Canine Remedial Massage?

**Canine Remedial Massage is a rapidly growing industry in Australia. It offers dogs the chance to move better, feel better and perform better. Working as a Canine Remedial Massage Therapist is a rewarding career, providing therapists the opportunity to do something they love while offering a great service to dogs.**



Canine Remedial Massage has been around in Australia for many years, but becoming increasingly popular in Australia in recent times. This is due to the growth in the Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy industry for animals, where canine massage is often used as a rehabilitation tool to accelerate recovery and maximise return to function. Massage has also become increasingly popular with the sporting dog community. Massage can be used as part of warm-up, cool-down, along with recovery post exercise and treatment of injury.

Canine Massage Therapists typically work from their own clinic, or offer a mobile service. They may also work as part of a rehabilitation team, or in veterinary clinics, grooming facilities and boarding kennels. With the growth in this industry, it is imperative there are suitably qualified therapists available to deliver quality services and care to the patients. Our course is designed to meet these needs.



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## Design of the Program

This Program has been designed to ensure the standard of care and treatment provided to canine patients and clients is of exceptional quality. The course has been developed based on Human Physiotherapy and Massage Therapy principles and research, combined with 15 years of Canine massage and rehabilitation experience.

Students are taught to perform an individual assessment of each dog and devise a suitable massage program, specific to the needs of each individual dog.

## Who is this Course suitable for?

There are no pre-requisites for this course however a background in the veterinary and / or animal industry is an advantage. Anatomy, physiology and pathology subjects are quite in-depth, and require a commitment to weekly hours spend studying and revising, in order to complete the course.

## Who Accredits this Course?

This Course is accredited by the Australian Canine Rehabilitation Association (ACRA).

[www.caninerehabassociation.com](http://www.caninerehabassociation.com)

ACRA is the governing body for the practise of Canine Rehabilitation and Canine Remedial Massage in Australia. The board is made up of Physiotherapists with a Masters Degree in Animal Physiotherapy, and Veterinary professionals with an interest in Canine Rehabilitation. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in canine rehabilitation with different membership levels available.

Participants who successfully complete the Certificate in Canine Hydrotherapy Course are eligible to apply for Practitioner Membership and display the ACRA logo.



## Course Instructor

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### Instructor

The Course chief Instructor is Michelle Monk. She is a Physiotherapist, with a Masters Degree in Animal Physiotherapy. She is also a qualified Myofascial Trigger Point and Dry Needling Therapist. She started the first Canine Rehabilitation and Centre for dogs in Australia in 2002, using massage and soft tissue therapies in all her patients now for over 17 years.

She has also taught canine massage and myofascial trigger point therapy courses to students both in Australia and internationally.

She has won several awards for her delivery of service to canine patients and for her research in the area of rehabilitation following surgery for cruciate disease.

Michelle is assisted by her team – a group of Physiotherapists with a Masters Degree in Animal Physiotherapy.



# Course Modules

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## Modules

The Modules covered in this program include:

- Introduction to Massage for the Canine Patient
- Canine Skeletal Anatomy
- Canine Arthrology
- Canine Muscular System
- Canine Nervous System
- Massage Techniques
- Canine Massage for Health and wellbeing
- Canine Massage For Specific Pathologies
- Canine Massage in the Sporting Dog
- Canine Massage for Older Pets
- Working safely in Canine Remedial Massage
- Assessment of the Canine patient prior to Massage
- Development of and progression of treatment plans in Canine Remedial Massage
- Practical delivery of Canine Massage
- Working as part of a Multi-disciplinary team
- Massage room design
- Record Keeping
- Business development

## Delivery of the Course Material

### Blended Learning at Your Convenience

**This Program** runs for 7-8 months is delivered in a variety of formats.

- **Lectures** are released fortnightly and are accessed online at your convenience, along with copies of slides, and reference materials. These are supported by live monthly Question and Answer Webinars, that are recorded and uploaded to the course website for viewing if you are unable to attend live.
- There is a **single compulsory workshop (May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2020)** where there is intense clinical practice of canine massage on real animal patients. It is devised to support your theoretical learning and ensure you achieve the necessary skills required to operate a Canine Massage business – held in Melbourne
- **Live Teleconference:** There is also a compulsory live teleconference (date TBC June/July 2020) for case presentations. Attendance at the workshop and the teleconference is compulsory.
- **Assessments** are a mixture of multiple choice and written assignments, participation and completion of practical workshop activities.

- In addition, students must complete **2 days of clinical** experience in an approved Canine Rehabilitation facility in addition to the workshops.
- Students are also required to complete **case studies (to be completed after the workshop):** 8 patients over 2 visits each are to be written up and submitted. To be submitted within 12 months of the commencement date.
- In order to achieve the Certificate students must successfully complete each of the assessment tasks, and attend and successfully complete the workshop tasks and examinations.



## Opportunities on Completion of the Course

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### Career Opportunities

The Pet industry is growing rapidly in Australia, with people now spending more and more of their disposable income on their pets. The medical and surgical treatments pet owners are investing in for their pets has increased in recent years. So too then has the need for body treatment.

More vet clinics are adding rehabilitation and massage to the services they offer and are looking for qualified Canine Massage Therapists to join their teams. Existing Canine Rehabilitation and Physiotherapy Centres are also looking for qualified Canine Massage Therapists to help treat their patients so there are many more job opportunities on the rise.



### Be Your Own Boss

If you are looking to set up your own Canine Remedial Massage business or to add Canine Massage to an existing Canine Business then this qualification is just what you need to help you set up your facility and give you the tools to administer safe and effective massage sessions with an accredited qualification.

### Join ACRA

On successful completion of the course you will be eligible for membership with the Australian Canine Rehabilitation Association (ACRA) and will be able to display the ACRA logo in your business premises and on your stationary as a mark of quality. You will also be eligible for insurance with 'Insurance House'.

## How to Register

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### Ready to Register?

Congratulations! You have made a wonderful choice to not only grow your own knowledge and skills, but to help improve the lives of our canine companions.

If you would like to join the program , please go to the website to register:  
[www.caninehealthacademy.com](http://www.caninehealthacademy.com)  
We look forward to meeting you on the course!