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Radiation Awareness Training Course for Veterinary Practices



The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999

The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99) require that a radiation employer arranges for relevant employees to be provided with appropriate information, instruction and training in radiation protection to ensure their health and safety.

The main objective of the radiation awareness training will be to demonstrate that there is strong commitment to restricting exposure to ionising radiation at the veterinary practice, wherever this is reasonably practicable.

The focus of this information sheet is therefore to recommend radiation awareness training for employees who might not be directly involved with work using ionising radiation, but who may nevertheless be required to have an awareness/appreciation of the radiation work and also the radiation safety precautions that are in force during their employment. For veterinary establishments this type of training is therefore likely to be suitable for veterinary nurses and support staff.

Our ½ day radiation protection awareness course for veterinary practices

This course for veterinary nurses and support staff is designed to run for ½ day. Details of the likely syllabus for a typical course is shown below.

Typical syllabus for a radiation awareness course

- the main features of the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999;
- the main features of the Veterinary Guidance Notes;
- the radiation employer;
- the appointment of a radiation protection supervisor;
- the appointment and role of the RPA;
- manual restraint procedures
- health and safety documents, risk assessments, local rules and contingency plans;
- description of the extent of the controlled area;
- description of the x-ray equipment, warning signals/safety systems, and PPE;
- servicing of equipment
- x-ray room hand over procedure;
- dose monitoring;
- training and instruction for the radiation protection supervisor, or other practice employees;
- quality assurance checks;
- safety checks and records of faults and repairs;
- radiation incident reporting.



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Thinking of using us for Radiation Protection Awareness Training?

Our courses are normally held on the veterinary practice premises.

Details of the course cost are available through our RAPAS web site, www.rapas.co.uk or on enquiry by email or telephone.

Please contact us for further details.

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