

Physical Therapy

has many different applications, and can be used for medical treatment, surgical rehabilitation, or to help promote the overall health of a pet. There are many different forms of physical therapy available, ranging from Underwater Treadmill therapy, massage, therapeutic ultrasound, Cavaletti Rails and Physio-Balls. The type of therapy best suited to your pet's needs should be recommended by a veterinarian, after a thorough examination, which may also include radiographs (x-rays).



Hours of Operation

Monday 8am - 8pm

Tuesday 8am - 8pm

Wednesday 8am - 8pm
6:30am Early Morning
Check-In

Thursday 8am - 8pm

Saturday 8am - 3pm

Friday 8am - 5pm

Sunday Closed

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PHYSICAL THERAPY AND YOUR PET



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Physical therapy is often used as a medical treatment for Degenerative Joint Disease, or arthritis. Studies have shown that keeping pets with arthritis engaged in moderate activity helps them to maintain muscle mass, joint mobility, flexibility and maintain a healthy body weight. The Underwater Treadmill can be used to help keep these patient's active and comfortable at the same time. The buoyant effect of the water helps reduce the stress-load on joints, making exercise more comfortable and reduces the impact within the joint.

Buoyancy can also play a major role in physical therapy for surgical patients. Patients who have undergone orthopedic surgery, for example, often need to be kept strictly confined to allow the surgical site to heal correctly. During activity restriction, loss of muscle mass, reduced joint mobility and weight gain can occur. Buoyancy in the Underwater Treadmill prevents overstress of the surgical site during controlled activity. This then allows for the correct amount and type of stress to the surgical area and can accelerate healing. Most surgical patients may start accelerated rehabilitation in our Underwater Treadmill once sutures have been removed from the surgical site.



Underwater Treadmill

Neurologic patients, or those who have undergone spinal surgery, also benefit from a faster recovery as they begin to walk within the confines of the Underwater Treadmill.

Pets under strict confinement can also benefit mentally in the sense that they are able to work off their overabundance of energy and feel productive.



Physical therapy also offers health benefits for patients who do not have specific health problems, or have not recently undergone surgery. For example, pets who are overweight and have difficulty with normal exercise and activity typically do well in the Underwater Treadmill. Excess weight can pre-dispose pets to medical problems

such as diabetes and arthritis. Therefore, weight loss can improve their future health status and help to prevent disease.

Additionally, physical therapy applications can be used for conditioning purposes in working or sporting/performance dogs. Conditioning applications help enhance patient stamina, muscle mass and coordination.

Other therapy applications, such as therapeutic massage, Cavaletti Rails and Physio-Balls are typically used in conjunction with Underwater Treadmill therapy. Underwater Treadmill therapy has many applications, and can meet the needs of a variety of patients. A multi-modal approach to physical therapy can enhance all aspects of patient recovery and conditioning, therefore each therapy protocol should be tailored to the specific needs of each individual patient.



Cavaletti Rails