

Dogs In Motion

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In Home Canine
Rehabilitation &
Wellness



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Here's what the Illinois Veterinary and Physical Therapy Practice Acts saying about Canine Rehabilitation:

Illinois Veterinary Practice Act:

- * Veterinarians are allowed to refer clients for alternative services such as Canine Rehabilitation performed by non-veterinarians including Physical Therapists.
- * The referring Veterinarian is the case manager of the case.
- * Canine Rehabilitation can be performed in any location when rendered by a Physical Therapist trained in Canine Rehabilitation: within the referring Veterinarian's facility, in a free standing facility without a Veterinarian on site, within the client's home, etc.

Illinois Physical Therapy Practice Act:

- * At this point in time, Physical therapy, in Illinois, is defined as the evaluation and treatment of humans.
- * The Practice Act currently does not include wording for animals or referrals from Veterinarians.

What does this all mean:

After extensive conversations with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's (IDFPR) General Counsel, the Illinois Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA), the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), the Illinois Physical Therapy Association (IPTA) and consultation with Gerald Goldberg of Goldberg & Frankenstein, LLC (a private law firm specializing in Illinois Practice Acts):

- * Clinicians with a Physical Therapy background can accept referrals from Veterinarians.
- * Physical Therapists, when working on animals, are not working under their Illinois Physical Therapy license however must maintain their own professional liability insurance.
- * The therapy services rendered on animals are for Canine Rehabilitation and not for "Physical Therapy" as this is a protected term.

Anyone practicing Canine Rehabilitation should have advanced training in Canine Rehabilitation and preferably, certification from either the Animal Rehab Institute in FL (CCRT) or from the University of Tennessee (CCRP).

About Dogs In Motion's founder:



I saw the need for affordable Canine Rehabilitation services to be offered within the comfort and convenience of the client's home. After 11 years of rehabilitating dogs, I formed **Dogs In Motion, In Home Canine Rehabilitation & Wellness** in May of 2005 to meet the needs of the dog owners and the veterinary community. Had it not been for the tremendous support and encouragement I've received from the veterinarians at Vernon Hills Animal Hospital in Mundelein and Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center in Northbrook, rehabilitating dogs might have remained a part time "hobby" instead of the career that it has become.

In January of 2006, I was appointed to **American Physical Therapy Association's (APTA) Animal PT Special Interest Group** as the **Illinois State Liaison** to facilitate the working relationship between Illinois Veterinary Medicine and Physical Therapy. I've taken the initiative to consult with the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations (IDFPR), the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association (ISVMA), the Chicago Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), the Illinois Physical Therapy Association (IPTA) and the legal counsel of Gerald Goldberg of Goldberg & Frankenstein LLC to obtain the clearest understanding and interpretation of the Illinois Veterinary and Physical Therapy practice acts to help educate veterinarians, physical therapists interested in canine rehabilitation, and dog owners on the growing popularity and need for canine rehabilitation as a routine component in the overall care and well being of the canine client.

In February of 2006, I became a **Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist (CCRT)**, one of only three Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapists / Practitioners in Illinois. I received my certification from the Animal Rehabilitation Institute (ARI) in Florida under the instruction of Jan Van Dyke, DVM (FL), Christine Zink, DVM, PhD (MD), Laurie Edge-Hughes, BScPT (Canada) and Laurie McCauley, DVM (IL).

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Veterinarian's Corner:

Who's referring to Dogs In Motions:

Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center:

Drs. Mike Podell, Aaron Jackson, and Scott Averill
Vernon Hills Animal Hospital: Drs. Stephen Barten, Molly McCullough, and Susan Sneed

Cairo Animal Hospital: Dr. Ben Shechter

VSC Surgical Referral Services: Drs. Bernard Pare, Mitch Robbins, Claude Gendreau, and LeeAnn Albin

Arlington Park Veterinary Hospital: Dr. Larry Fetzer

ABC Mobile Veterinary Service: Dr. Mell Westoupal

Alpine Animal Hospital: Dr. Daniel Hamblin

Lakes Animal Hospital: Dr. John Plishka

VCA Aurora Animal Hospital: Dr. Heidi Barnes

Mundelein Animal Hospital: Dr. Stephanie Kols

Animas Veterinary Clinic: Dr. Koryn Swearingen

Fox Lake Animal Hospital: Dr. Bohdan Rudawski

Who are the primary veterinarians:

Berglund Animal Hospital: Dr. Elizabeth North

Lakes Animal Clinic: Dr. Anne Marie Farrell

Arlington Heights Animal Hospital: Dr Heather Venn

Hinsdale Animal Hospital: Dr. Karen Heger

VCA Lake Shore Animal Hospital: Dr. Wallis Hoyle

Northbrook Animal Clinic: Dr. Jerold Needelman

Abell Animal Hospital: Dr. Glenn Mayer

Christensen Animal Hospital: Dr. Jeffrey Moll

Bramer Animal Hospital

Greentree Animal Hospital

Preiser Animal Hospital: Dr. Herbert Preiser

Fox Animal Hospital: Drs. Robert Fox and Jeanette Lyons

Riser Animal Hospital: Dr. Lisa Wardisiani

Westside Family Pet Clinic: Dr. Dawn Moglievsky

Broadway Animal Hospital: Dr. John Kasmersky

Mundelein Animal Hospital: Dr. Cecelia Burke

Golf-Mil Animal Hospital: Dr. Bryan Haag

Noah now has a new lease on life!!!



Noah, a 15 y/o MN mixed breed with dehydration, severe generalized weakness, multiple pressure ulcers on all 4 limbs and sternum, urine scald and incontinence. Referred by Dr. Daniel Hamblin, Alpine Animal Hospital.

"Noah was being boarded at a facility in Barrington and was able to walk prior to being boarded. My friend and I met Patti at the Pet Expo back in March. I called Patti and requested that she pick Noah up and rehabilitate him. I was very much at ease that Noah was being well cared for by Patti while we were still in FL and was very happy to see how gently and kindly she had cared for him. I would recommend Patti and Dogs In Motion to everyone." - Diana Mason, Lake Barrington, IL.

Canine rehab consisted of bladder care, wound care with laser to stimulate healing, laser to acupuncture points to facilitate mobility, bladder care, NMES (muscle stim) for muscle re-education, strengthening and mobility exercises, joint mobilization to the spine, swimming and gait retraining. Noah is now fully ambulatory, walking over well over 1000 feet including steep hills on the owner's property. All of the wounds are now fully healed.

Client's Corner:

Bella, a 16 month old FS Great Dane with a RH Peroneal Nerve injury. Referred by Dr. Scott Averill, Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center.



"As a physician, I always knew that physical therapy helped restore patients to their previous state of health but dogs????? Well, here is my story...I took my 2 Great Danes, Bella and Fannie, for routine surgery to be spayed. In the middle of the night, I received a call that Bella had gone into shock, possibly suffered a stroke and may be crippled for life. What a shock! I could not believe my eyes when I picked her up, she was dragging her paw, hopping, walking like a question mark and crying in pain. The surgeon suggested I call this Canine Rehabilitation Therapist that works with dogs and comes to your house. I called her out of desperation watching my big beautiful dog suffer. Patti Triola came to my house and did a complete evaluation—more thorough and comprehensive than most physicians. She believed the injury to be traumatic and worked with my dog in a variety of ways including: ultrasound, electrical nerve stimulation and a variety of exercises and massage. She also instructed me on what to do on a day-to-day basis. The doctors thought she may not ever get better but Patti persevered and it's been about 3 months and I would say that my Bella is about 85-90% back to herself. She is running and jumping with her sister and frolicking at the dog park. I can truly say that I not only met an unbelievable talented Canine Rehabilitation Therapist but an Angel of Mercy!!!!!"
- Sharyl Balkin M.D., Highland Park, IL



Feeney, an 8 y/o FS Hound Mix with a R TPLO 07/05, screw removal 10/05, and plate removal 12/05. Referred by Dr. Aaron Jackson, Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center.

"We heard you on the radio show (WGN) this evening. How cool! You sounded great. Mom and I (Feeney too) got a kick out of listening to you. Feeney is doing great. Friday we were at the Lovelace Park (the hill park). She loves going there and doesn't seem to have any idea that this is "therapy". Of course as long as therapy seems like play and doesn't involve hamstring stretches she's happy. With the great weather we had on Saturday, I tried to get some yard work done. However, Feeney thinks yard work means throw the ball to her." - Maryellen Moore, Evanston, IL.

Cheyenne, 14 y/o FS Labrador Retriever with a bowel mass and liver disease, s/p 2/16/06 ventral midline celiotomy with removal of a 2 lb. lipoma from within the falciform ligament, resection of a 6cm x 7 cm multi-lobular mass from the cecum, removal of the spleen with biopsy, and a liver biopsy was performed. Developed aspiration pneumonia one day after surgery. Referred by Dr. Scott Averill, Animal Emergency and Critical Care Center.



"I highly endorse the Dogs In Motion services. Cheyenne might have become ambulatory on her own at some point but this would have taken much longer. Patti taught us a lot of tricks of the trade to facilitate mobility. Cheyenne's muscle tone has vastly improved. She can now chase a tennis ball in the yard again. All of Cheyenne's doctors have been very please with her progress." - Susan Mulligan, Glenview, IL.