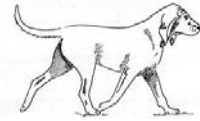


Dogs In Motion

Winter / Spring 2007

In Home Canine
Rehabilitation &
Wellness



Come see the Dogs In Motion informational booth (#407) at the 2007 Chicagoland Family Pet Expo

Getting the word out about Canine Rehab

Why is it important that the public know about Canine Rehab?

Owners spend a lot of time with their dogs and most are very aware of even subtle changes. Most, however, don't realize the significance of the changes or that something can be done to help. Most assume that the dog is "just getting older" or that the problem will go away with time, medication or with rest. Many important issues are never addressed with their veterinarians because the owners don't want to bother their veterinarian, that is, until the situation worsens.

From the clients that I have talked to over the years, most have stated that if only they were aware that Canine Rehab services were available that they would have addressed more issues with their veterinarian to see if something could have been done earlier on.

What can Veterinarians do to help?

Talk to your clients about Canine Rehab services particularly the ones with older dogs, include a Canine Rehab brochure in your orthopedic and neurological surgical discharge instruction packets or display Canine Rehab brochures in your lobby or treatment area for patients to read.

Help your clients to be proactive!!! Promote awareness through information and education.

For Veterinarians wishing to donate to the Midwest Dachshund Rescue Fundraiser, the following items are needed:

Heartgard and Interceptor heartworm preventatives - 25# and less
Frontline flea and tick preventative - 25# and less
Dog toothpaste, toothbrushes, C.E.T./Petrodex dental chews
Any give away items from your vendors (toys, bag clips, etc.)
Please contact me by March 31st for pick-up and for a tax letter for your donation.

About Dogs In Motion's founder:

It's been a busy fall and winter!!!



In October, I formed the **Suburban Chicagoland Dachshund Lovers (SCDL)** a "members only" dachshund social group open to anyone who loves dachshunds / mixes. In the first 100 days, we have grown to over 100 members and 180 dachshunds. We are the only social dachshund group in the Chicagoland area to require Proof of Vaccinations to ensure that safety and fun go hand in paw!!! Our group offers an online list serve "community" where members can benefit from other members' dachshund experiences and knowledge. We also have monthly themed get togethers at different locations throughout the Chicagoland suburbs to allow for the dachshunds to socialize and play in a safe and controlled environments. We will have two large fundraisers per year to raise money for worthy organizations such as **Midwest Dachshund Rescue**. Included in our scheduled activities, will be guest speakers. **Dr. Aaron Jackson**, a surgeon at AERC in Northbrook (and owner of 2 dachshund / min pin mixes), is scheduled to speak about **Dachshunds and Intervertebral Disk Disease** at our March 11, 2007 **Luck of the Irish Dachshund, Pot of Gold Coin Collection Fundraiser**.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Suburban_Chicagoland_Dachshund_Lovers/

In October, I joined **Dodger's List** an online community that helps inform dachshund owners and others about both traditional and alternative treatments available for dogs with IVDD. I contributed an article entitled "Living and Working with Intervertebral Disk Disease" for the December edition of their newsletter **Dodger's Digest**.
<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/Dodgerslist/>

In November, I created a new home on Yahoo Groups for **VetRehab**, a "members only" group for Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians, Physical Therapists, Physical Therapy Assistants, Occupational Therapists, Osteopaths and Chiropractors interested in veterinary rehabilitation. This group was founded by Dr. Laurie McCauley in 2001 and was formerly known as VetPT on SmartGroups up until late 2006. Together Dr. McCauley and I maintain the site which has grown to over 280 member from various regions of the world.
<http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/VetRehab/>

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Growing Older With Dignity!!!

As veterinary medicine, like human medicine, continues to improve, many dogs are living longer. Growing older with dignity is as important for dogs as it is for humans. As dogs age, many present with decreased mobility in their spine and in their limb joints, decreased strength, difficulty with moving and changes in their gait, balance and coordination. They can become dependent for even the most simple activities. These changes are as much a vicious cycle in dogs as they are in humans and can lead to an overall decline in both physical and mental health.

Canine Rehab can help re-energize and revitalize the aging dog and provide improved quality in the aging dog's life. Upon veterinary referral, a complete medical history and a thorough canine rehabilitation evaluation, a plan can be implemented with owners to help their aging dog to remain as active as possible for as long as possible. For some dogs, it's a matter of establishing a home exercise program that the owners will follow through on and some simple recommendations for safety around the house. For other dogs, it involves ongoing intermittent sessions to maintain flexibility, mobility and strength. A canine rehab therapist can also recommend some relatively inexpensive products and supports that can help with better footing and to help owners lift or support their dogs to allow for more functional activity.

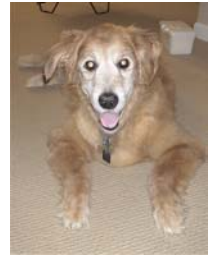
Together veterinarians and canine rehab therapists can make a difference in the life of the aging dog!!!

Just a few of the faces of Dogs In Motion



Client's Corner:

Champ, 14 yr old SF Golden Retriever with a history of pelvic limb weakness, due to a combination of osteoarthritis and lumbosacral disease. Referred by Dr. Podell at Animal Emergency and Referral Center and Dr. Ben Shechter, Cairo Animal Hospital.



Patti has been working with Champ one to two times per week since May 2006. We believe that with Patti's help Champ has been able to strengthen her back legs and continue to walk at her senior age of 14. Although it is a degenerative problem, without Patti's care Champ may not be walking at all. We are grateful to Patti for helping Champ to live out her senior years. - Julie and David Shorr, Highland Park, IL.



Odie, 16 yr old MN Lhasa Poo with the Dx of Spondylosis of C2-C3, IVDD & osteolytic changes T11-T13. Referred by Dr. Dan Hamblin at Alpine Animal Hospital.

"Patti Triola has improved the quality of life for our precious little Odie more than we ever hoped. When Patti was recommended to us by our vet, we saw it as a last ditch effort. Odie's mobility had been greatly reduced by degenerating disks in his back. Patti's ongoing therapy has not only enhanced Odie's ability to get around, it has improved his disposition. Patti has also provided us with the tools to participate in Odie's care. Her careful instruction on daily exercises for Odie has allowed us to take part in his ongoing improvement. Odie has been a cherished member of our family for 16 years and it seems the least we can do for such a loyal, loving pet is to provide him with comfort and happiness for his remaining years. Patti plays a huge part in that and we are very grateful to her for that." - Gary and Janice Snyder, Lake Zurich, IL.

Clyde, a 14 yr old MN Shepherd / Husky Mix with the Dx of severe generalized weakness following a splenectomy with hematoma removal and subsequent dehydration. Referred by Drs. Jones and Needleman of Northbrook Animal Clinic and Dr. Aaron Jackson of AERC.



"I am happy to report that my big boy is wonderful. Don't get me wrong, he is getting naughty and very spoiled and has me completely trained! It is such a pleasure to see him walk and play (a little bit) and eat and sniff with gusto and interest. Occasionally, I still have to help him get up - especially on the slippery floor which he insists on lying on because it is cool on his belly but he is rolling in the snow and a happy dog again. He is even walking up the stairs now (which I don't encourage). What a joy! You were absolutely wonderful and supportive and I so appreciate your care. My friend's elderly Lab is having some joint issues and I suggested that she call you - I hope she does." - Estelle Lakier, Deerfield, IL.