

Why Rehabilitation

Veterinary medicine has made phenomenal advancements in the past ten years. One of the most recent advancements has been in canine rehabilitation. Whether your best friend has had a surgical procedure due to injury, or has been slowed down by aging or disease, canine rehabilitation can accelerate their road to recovery and well being. Research indicates that loss of muscle mass begins within 24 hours following surgery or serious injury. An increase in swelling occurs along with loss of muscle control and stiffening of joints when rehabilitation is delayed.

We are extremely excited to be able to offer our community the latest in canine rehabilitation therapy. Our goal is to improve the quality of life of our canine companions by ensuring successful outcomes following surgical procedures and by helping them stay active and mobile for as long as possible.



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Commitment to Care

IndyVet is a 24-hour specialty practice comprised of emergency, internal medicine, surgery and ophthalmology services. Our 22,000 square foot state of the art facility gives us the resources, technology and skilled staff to diagnose and treat almost any medical, surgical or emergent condition.

Our goal is to make each client experience as pleasant, comfortable and successful as possible by providing unsurpassed service and care to exceed all expectations. All pets are seen for their emergency or referred problem only. Routine veterinary care is not performed.



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Canine Rehabilitation



More Than Rehabilitation

Weight Loss

Many of our canine friends are overweight. Obese dogs are more susceptible to multiple health risks. We have developed a program that incorporates exercise with our underwater treadmill, diet changes, and home care instructions that is very effective for weight reduction.

Conditioning

There are many different forms of conditioning ranging from maintaining a healthy canine athlete, to strengthening after injury / surgery, to retraining for canine sports. The benefits to conditioning includes maintaining fitness and coordination, reduced risk of injury, faster recovery from injury, weight control, and a sense of well being.

Massage

Massage is very effective in increasing circulation, relieving pain, and relieving muscle tightness and spasms.

Electrical Stimulation

Electrical stimulation is a commonly used therapy in canine rehabilitation which is effective for increasing range of motion, increasing muscle strength, providing muscle re-education following nerve damage, correcting structural abnormalities, and improving muscle tone. This treatment also enhances function, improves pain control, accelerates healing, and reduces muscle spasm and edema.



Underwater Treadmill

Walking on an underwater treadmill in a warm water environment has the benefits of producing increased joint range of motion, improved muscle flexibility and mobility, enhanced circulation and facilitation of front to rear and side-to-side balance. Because it can relieve pain and increase muscle strength while putting decreased weight on the joints it is extremely beneficial in the treatment of osteoarthritis. It is also an invaluable tool when working with patients with nerve deficits, as many patients can take steps in water before they have voluntary motion on land. As an exercise tool, it is a safe way to achieve weight loss, especially in obese dogs with joint disease.

Therapeutic Laser

Low intensity or "cold" laser is a form of intense light therapy using various frequencies and wavelengths that promote positive physiologic changes within cells that support healing and reduce or eliminate pain. The laser enhances healing of wounds, burns and treats acutely inflamed joints.

Therapeutic Ultrasound

Therapeutic ultrasound is considered an effective treatment for rehabilitating musculoskeletal conditions and restricted range of motion resulting from joint and muscle contracture, muscle spasm, bursitis, tendonitis, sprains and strains. This treatment also decreases scar tissue and wound healing time.

Therapeutic Exercise

Therapeutic exercise is perhaps one of the most valuable treatments used in canine rehabilitation. Some of the common goals of therapeutic exercise includes improving pain-free range of motion, improving muscle mass and strength, and improving balance. Neurologic re-education, and improved performance to prevent further injury are also achieved with therapeutic exercise.

