

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

The main goal of obesity and/or weight management is to provide a safe means of exercise in addition to whatever nutritional and medical care the dog is already receiving.



The primary means of exercise is hydrotherapy so the dog can exercise without the added joint stress secondary to obesity. The program will be monitored for the dog's tolerance.

Key Uses

Obesity, thyroid problems, weight management, regular exercise to increase metabolic rate.

For extreme cases or those under a veterinarian's medical management for obesity, a veterinarian referral and combined approach (including progress reports) may be necessary.



HEALTH & SAFETY

To ensure high standards of hygiene, our water management system filters, heats and sanitizes the water through a circulation pump, a specially designed in-line electric heater and a high-rate filter system before a low dose of chlorine is added manually.

Doggy life vests are available for those dogs just learning to swim or those needing a little support.

REHABILITATION TEAM MEMBERS



Randy Aronson
VMD

Julie Mayer
DVM

We offer a highly trained rehabilitation staff. Dr. Randy Aronson, VMD and Radio Pet Vet, has attended the Canine Rehabilitation Institute. He has attended the IVAS acupuncture course and has passed their certifying exam. He has also attended numerous Chinese herbal medical courses for pets. Dr. Julie Mayer has been practicing veterinary medicine in Chicago since 1991. She has dedicated most of her career to holistic medicine and rehabilitation. Dr. Mayer owned Integrative Pet Care and operated Therapet, two rehabilitation and holistic centers in Illinois. Dr. Mayer was named one of "Chicago's Best Vets" by Chicago Magazine and most recently received the 2010 Iams Eukanuba AARV Award for excellence in the field of Veterinary Rehabilitation. Dr. Mayer is certified in veterinary acupuncture, veterinary chiropractic, canine rehabilitation, is a Reiki practitioner and continuously seeks education in the growing field of integrative care and physical rehabilitation.



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Saturday 8:00 am—1:00 pm

By Appointment

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COMPANION PET REHABILITATION PROGRAM



AN INTEGRATIVE
VETERINARY CENTER



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ANIMAL REHABILITATION

Rehabilitation is a universally accepted standard of care in human medicine. Recently the benefits of rehabilitation have been recognized in veterinary medicine. This therapy is now available to aid in recovery of these conditions in animals.

Animal Rehabilitation aims to restore normal movement, muscle mass & function, reduce pain, swelling and inflammation.

Treatments techniques include:

- Soft tissue and joint mobilizations
- Stretching
- Strength & Endurance
- Movement re-education
- Massage, trigger point therapy and myofascial release
- Balance and proprioception re-training
- Thermotherapy
- Dry needle, laser, aqua, electro and acupuncture
- Underwater treadmill & hydrotherapy
- Thermoplastic splinting
- Stem cell therapy
- PST—Pulsed Signal Therapy
- Athletic Conditioning
- Chiropractic manipulation



UNDERWATER TREADMILL

P.A.W.S. is the first to offer Underwater Treadmill for pets in the Tucson area. Our state of the art Treadmill revolutionizes rehabilitation and fitness. This aids in recovery from a variety of ailments.

- Neurological
- Weight loss
- Orthopedic
- Conditioning
- Post Surgical Strengthening
- Strengthening of Muscles & Joints in arthritic patients



Underwater Treadmill Therapy has been proven to achieve great results in paretic & paralyzed dogs following spinal injury or surgery, or those with other neurological conditions. By using the treadmill to retrain standing and walking, many pets with spinal injuries will walk in the treadmill with minimal or no assistance. This will help re-train them before they are able to walk independently.

Conditions that may benefit from Rehabilitation and the Underwater Treadmill include:

Musculoskeletal Conditions:

- Cruciate injury
- Patella luxation
- Hip dysplasia
- Total hip replacement
- Arthritis/degenerative conditions
- Muscle strains and ligament sprains
- Corrective orthopedic surgery
- Soft Tissue

Neurological Conditions:

- Spinal Surgery
- Spinal disc disease
- Spinal cord shock/trauma
- Nerve palsies or injuries
- Degenerative Myelopathy

REHABILITATION PLANS

On the first visit, a veterinarian trained in rehabilitation will assess your pet and develop a rehabilitation plan specific to your pet's needs. Many factors are considered when designing a rehabilitation program and deciding which particular therapies will be suitable for each animal. The factors are as follows:

- Age/Temperament
- Type of injury
- Time since injury
- Pre-existing conditions
- Lifestyle/occupation of pet
- Recovery Goals



Home programs are provided to all Rehabilitation clients to enable rehabilitation to be continued at home on a daily basis.

VETERINARY REFERRAL

We liaise regularly with your pet's veterinarian to ensure continuity of care and ensure any specific rehabilitation requirements are met. A Veterinary Referral is important to make sure your dog has a correct diagnosis, all relevant tests and any medical/surgical requirements have been performed.

Communication is vital to ensure common goals are set and any specific recommendations or contraindications are followed.