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Dear Colleagues,

Bones, muscles, ligaments, tendons, and joints are key structures of the musculoskeletal system. Their functions and relationships affect the patient's mobility and quality of life. Illness or injury in any of them is associated with a lack of daily performance of the body and patient activity. This Special Edition on “Small Animals’ Orthopedic Surgery, Physical Therapy, and Rehabilitation” aims to present the state of the art around basic and clinical research issues with an impact on patient care, involving broad conditions of the musculoskeletal system. Three scientific branches, i.e., orthopedic surgery, physical therapy, and rehabilitation, comprise patient orthopedic rehabilitation. In fact, physical therapy and rehabilitation protocols are particularly important in the orthopedic surgery outcome, helping the patient to return to their normal life more quickly and optimizing the body's physical ability.



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