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The techniques used in human sports medicine and rehabilitation have been adapted for veterinary use. The growing interest in this field among veterinarians has led to the formation of new specialty colleges, such as the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and the European College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

There is a clear need, and a significant interest on the part of the veterinary profession, to better understand the role of sports medicine and rehabilitation following injury, surgery, and illness, and to improve patient outcomes by incorporating this specialty. Objective outcome measures of physical dysfunction and pain are of great importance, in order to select the optimal treatments and to assess treatment effectiveness. Evidence-based veterinary rehabilitation and sports medicine require knowledge of these outcome measures, as well as the mechanisms of action and efficacy for different treatment protocols in specific diagnoses. The aim of this Collection is to publish original research papers or reviews concerning veterinary rehabilitation and sports medicine for both equine and small animal practice.





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