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Revolutionizing Animal Care: Enriching the Lives of Companion Animals and Equids Through Advanced Rehabilitation Techniques

Message from the Guest Editors

The increasing interest and advances in rehabilitation techniques such as physical therapy, stretching, and hydrotherapy for companion animals and equids marks a transformative moment in veterinary care. Our research and observations have illuminated the comprehensive benefits of these methods, which not only address physical constraints but also contribute to holistic health. Physical therapy plays a crucial role in enhancing strength, flexibility, and mobility. Stretching exercises are instrumental in augmenting an animal's range of motion and preventing muscle atrophy. Hydrotherapy offers a safe and efficient tool for rehabilitation, allowing animals to engage in exercise without exerting pressure on injured limbs. In conclusion, the integration of physical therapy, stretching, and hydrotherapy in veterinary rehabilitation programs underscores a compassionate and forward-thinking approach to animal care. The prospect of improved recovery and elevated well-being is significant, emphasizing the necessity of adopting these advanced modalities in veterinary practice.

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