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Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine in Companion Animals

Message from the Guest Editors

Sports medicine and rehabilitation is a well-established discipline in human medicine, and the benefits have been clearly documented and established in the medical literature. Awareness of this field in veterinary medicine has been rapidly growing, and the techniques used in human sports medicine and rehabilitation are being adapted for use in small animal patients. 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 physical rehabilitation following injury, surgery, and illness, and to improve patient outcomes by incorporating this specialty. 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. This Research Topic seeks to address the science of small animal sports medicine and rehabilitation to help provide a better understanding of the assessment methods, treatment techniques, and interventions utilized.

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