

Physical Therapy and Massage for the Dog

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Description:

Interest in canine massage and physical therapy has grown as greater emphasis is placed on the general fitness and agility of dogs, as pets and as sporting animals.

In this book the authors are concerned with the prevention, management and treatment of movement and allied disorders. It encompasses detailed assessments, treatment programmes that involve hands-on therapy along with dynamic remedial and strengthening techniques using exercise plans.

Following succinct discussion of the relevant canine anatomy and physiology, the authors provide chapters on each of the key topics: movement and muscles; exercise; preparation for sports performance; rehabilitation techniques; massage and physical therapy; and common relevant pathologies affecting dogs.

Physical Therapy and Massage for the Dog is of interest to all those involved in canine welfare including veterinary practitioners, veterinary students, therapists, dog owners and dog trainers.

Contents:

1. Anatomy and physiology, comparative anatomy, skeletal system, muscular system, fascia, systems in brief—circulatory, lymphatic, skin, neuromuscular physiology, 2. How a dog moves, Muscles, Observations of possible muscular issues, Muscle Chart, 3. Exercise/activity preparation, exercise and conditioning for dog and handler, movement of the jumping dog, warming up, pre and post event massage, passive movement, how to recognise and manage minor muscular injury, 4. Rehabilitation techniques, appropriate exercise, passive movement and its role in rehabilitation, hydrotherapy, 5. Massage and physical therapy, history of animal massage, techniques and effects, contraindications, treatment of lesions/injuries and scarring, 6. Common pathologies, arthritis, OCD etc. Further reading, references, Index.

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Readership:

Veterinary practitioners and students, canine physical and massage therapists, veterinary nurses, trainers, hydrotherapists and dog owners.

Key Features:

Includes: Case studies, Sequential photos depicting movement, detailed diagrams.