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Professional Profile

An accomplished, dedicated physical therapy professional with over twenty years experience in clinical/directorship positions. Background includes geriatric certification, canine rehabilitation certification, and in-home animal physical therapy business.

Skills and Areas of Expertise

- Accurate, focused attention to detail
- In-home physical therapy to canine companions
- Empathetic listener and communicator
- Facilitating owners establishing realistic goals
- Working with diverse groups of people
- Instruction, facilitation and presentation to individuals & groups

Key Accomplishments

- Instrumental in working with the boards of physical therapy and veterinary medicine in changing the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Colorado so physical therapists can treat animals – Act changed in 2007
- Facilitated the use of animals for rehabilitation of human physical therapy clients in various nursing homes
- Became board certified in geriatric physical therapy in 1996 and again in 2006
- Obtained certification as a canine rehabilitation practitioner from the University of Tennessee Veterinary College in 2004
- Became registered as an animal physical therapist in 2008
- Collaborated in the design of a proposed canine rehabilitation facility

Professional Experience

Owner, manager and physical therapist, Good Life Physical Therapy for Animals (a division of Good Life Physical Therapy, LLC) Loveland, CO

07/08 to present

- Responsible for evaluating and designing treatment programs for canine patients and educating owners on said programs
- Collaborates with the veterinarian on the animals rehabilitation care
- Provides the appropriate documentation and communication for physical therapy services
- Attends veterinary visits as indicated and as schedule permits
- Coordinates care with other animal care professionals involved in a patient's program (e.g. prosthetist/orthotist, canine massage therapist, acupuncturist, etc.)
- Provides lectures to community on animal physical therapy and related issues

Staff Physical Therapist, Innovative Senior Care, Loveland, CO

02/12/08 to present as PRN

Staff Physical Therapist, Good Samaritan Society Fort Collins Village, Fort Collins, CO

01/02/08 to 01/31/08

Director of Therapy, Good Samaritan Society Fort Collins Village, Fort Collins, CO

07/01 to 01/08

Director of Therapy, Front Range Therapy Systems/Columbine Health Systems, Denver, CO

10/98 to 07/01

Director of Therapy, Columbine Care Center West, Fort Collins, CO

12/88 to 10/98

Department Head and Staff Therapist, Columbine Care Center East, Fort Collins, CO

07/85 to 02/89

Experience in Instructional Settings

- Co-presenter at the 5th International Symposium on Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy in Veterinary Medicine in Aug 2008 "Jumping through Hoops: The Agility Necessary to Address Collaborative Legislative Issues"
- CCCE and Clinical Instructor for Physical Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistant Programs
- T'ai Chi and Physical Therapy: Northeast District of the Colorado Chapter of the APTA, 1998
- Common Myths of Aging: Colorado Chapter of the APTA Spring Convention, 1997
- Normal Aging vs. Pathological Aging and Its Impact on Therapy, 1997
- In-services on Understanding Lab Values in the Elderly; Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation in Skilled Nursing Facilities; Vestibular Rehabilitation;
- Co-presenter with Dr. Sally Knauer and Dr. Jan Servi on Osteoarthritis

Formal and Continuing Education

The University of Tennessee, Veterinary College: Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner, December 2004

Colorado State University: Completed Microcomputer Application Certificate Program, May 1999

Geriatric Certified Specialist, American Physical Therapy Association, April 1996 and May 2006

MS, Physical Therapy, Texas Woman's University, 1985, Graduated with highest honors

BA, Biology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1983, Graduated with highest honors

Workshops Attended

The Diagnosis and Treatment of the Thoracic Spine and Ribs, Conservative and Surgical Management of the Cranial Cruciate Deficit Dog, Living with Heart Failure, Manual Therapy for the Geriatric Patient, Low Level Laser, Strength Building in Geriatric Clients, First Aide for Cats and Dogs 2006, 2nd International Symposium on Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy in Veterinary Medicine 2002, Canine Sports Medicine Injuries and Rehabilitation, Outcomes in Treating the Elderly Patient, Ensuring Ethical Care with Fewer Resources, Goal Setting and Outcomes for Chronic Illness, Evaluation and Treatment of Patients with Cardiopulmonary Dysfunction, Vestibular Rehabilitation: Assessment and Treatment of Vestibular and Balance Disorders, Dementia: Myofascial Release and Craniosacral Therapy – Level I, Muscle Energy Techniques for Lumbar, Pelvic & Sacral Areas – Level I, Strain/Counterstrain – Level I, and Level I and II Muscle Imbalance Training with Shirley Sahrman.

Professional Membership

American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) since 1983

- Member of geriatric and orthopedic sections
- Member of Animal Physical Therapy Special Interest Group of the APTA

Member of the Fort Collins Dog Network

Member of the Larimer County Veterinary Medical Association since 2008

Personal Attribute

Self-aware, reflective and caring; excellent clinician who exhibits professional, attentive work style consistently; enjoys people and dogs of all ages and backgrounds; known as a strong, organized and compassionate leader who motivates others to achieve excellence; patient advocate; highly knowledgeable about health issues for our seniors and our pets.

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