

INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Course Description

Day one will cover basic anatomy of the dog as it relates to normal function and rehabilitation. The lab portion will include live dogs to review orthopedic and neurologic evaluation of the canine as well as hands-on techniques. Day two is more intermediate in content covering the topics of canine neurologic rehabilitation and manual therapy techniques with a focus on the sporting dog. In addition, physical therapy evaluation and assessment of equestrian and equine athletes related to biomechanical interplay and sport performance will be discussed.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to: Identify and describe similarities and differences between human and canine anatomy and movement patterns; evaluate and assess a variety of movement patterns of the canine client and differentiate between normal and abnormal motion; identify and describe major anatomical landmarks in the canine client; establish an appropriate "Plan of Care"• to correct abnormal movement patterns, using a combination of manual techniques, therapeutic exercises, and functional activities; describe basic evaluation and assessment techniques for equine athletes, and identify common biomechanical faults between horse and rider.

Speakers

Lisa Bedenbaugh, PT, CCRP

Dr. Amie Hesbach, DPT, CCRT, CCRP

Charles S. Evans, MPT, CCRP

Dr. Kirk Peck, PT, PhD, CSCS, CCRT, CERP, Chair of Physical Therapy, Creighton University. Associate Professor

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