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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL PET THERAPY TEAM OPENS PET REHABILITATION CENTER

(Santa Monica, CA) June 2007 – California Animal Rehabilitation is Southern California's first physical rehabilitation center of its kind for pets as rehabilitation becomes an emerging field in veterinary medicine.

Founded by doctors of veterinary medicine and physical therapy, both certified in canine rehabilitation, California Animal Rehabilitation offers state-of-the-art therapy targeting pets with chronic, debilitating conditions, recovering from surgery, requiring weight management or needing sports conditioning.

"Until now, pet owners were left to their own devices to manage a pet's chronic or post-operative pain," said Dr. Jessica Waldman, VMD, CVA, CCRT, medical director. "We have seen proper rehabilitation programs result in pets having fully-functional and pain-free lives. At California Animal Rehabilitation we combine an East-West medical philosophy targeting the whole pet, not just one issue. By weighing their medical history, lameness, exercise and nutrition into the rehabilitation process, we have seen a drastic impact on overall healing."

Studies show that pet rehabilitation can positively impact arthritis, hip and elbow dysplasia, ruptured disks, post-operative recovery, rear limb weakness, and neurological disorders including paralysis. The facility works collaboratively with veterinarians and veterinary surgeons to optimize results.

"Rehabilitation means helping a pet regain function, whether it be mitigating pain, increasing range of motion or enhancing limb use. Normal function prevents compensatory movements which can lead to other lameness." said Dr. Amy Kramer, PT, DPT, CCRT, therapy director. "Combining veterinarian care with a physical therapist's understanding of exercise biomechanics, joint and soft tissue mobilizations, and proper use of modality equipment has shown positive outcomes."

California Animal Rehabilitation's 2600-square-foot facility uses similar devices and techniques found at human physical therapy centers including an underwater treadmill, therapeutic laser, ultrasound and electrical stimulation for pain management, manual therapy and exercises to increase range-of-motion and flexibility, acupuncture, and nutritional counseling.

For more information go to www.CalAnimalRehab.com or call (310) 998-CARE (2273).

ABOUT. Santa Monica, Calif.-based California Animal Rehabilitation is a full-service rehabilitation center, offering customized therapy programs for pets. Operated by both doctors of veterinary medicine and physical therapy, the facility uses state-of-the-art equipment and techniques to help pets live more functional and comfortable lives. Pet owners can schedule private sessions, daycare if they work, or 24/7 boarding when pets require more intensive care. Located at 3200 Olympic Boulevard in Santa Monica, Calif., services are offered Monday through Saturday.

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