

Physical therapy alumna is co-owner of Southern California's first physical rehabilitation center for pets

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Amy Kramer, DPT, an alumna of Loma Linda University School of Allied Professions doctor of physical therapy program, has made the news.

As co-owner of the California Animal Rehabilitation (CARE) center in Santa Monica—Southern California's first center of its kind—Dr. Kramer and her partner, Jessica Waldman, VMD, were featured on CBS News.

The CARE center offers state-of-the-art therapy that targets chronic and debilitating conditions, recovery from surgery, weight management, and sports conditioning for pets.

"Until now, pet owners were left to their own devices to manage a pet's chronic or post-operative pain," says Dr. Waldman. "We have seen proper rehabilitation programs result in pets having fully functional and pain-free lives."

In addition to the typical rehabilitative tools, such as underwater and traditional treadmills, the center also utilizes alternative therapies such as acupuncture, massage, and Chinese herbs. A typical 8-week program targets such condi-

tions as arthritis, back pain, and ligament tears.

Drs. Kramer and Waldman are both certified professional pet therapists—the first such team in Southern California.

"It's always good to see an LLU alumnus doing so well," says James Syms, DSc, assistant professor of

physical therapy. "She is certainly a pioneer in this area."

To view the CBS News program featuring the CARE center, you can go to the following web link: <www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=4280115n>.



A dog receives therapy at the CARE center in Santa Monica.

Physician assistant class of 2010 receives jackets



Physician assistant class of 2010 members, part of the LLU School of Allied Health Professions, received their jackets during a special ceremony on Tuesday, October 7. The ceremony took place in Randall Visitors Center.

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