

Animal Rehabilitation Special Interest Group

CSM 2009 Report

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1. Provide educational programming to Section membership;
 - A. The Canine and Equine Anatomy and Physiology ISC's are in print following revisions.
 - B. "The Devine Equine" will be presented by Narelle Stubbs, BAppSc(Physio), MAnimSc(AnimPhysio), of the Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine, at CSM 2009. A roundtable discussion of equine rehabilitation will follow Ms. Stubbs presentation.
 - C. The SIG Officers, in collaboration with the Section office staff, have produced a "Canine Rehabilitation" reference clipboard for sale to members.
2. Serve the Section as an educational & practice resource for Section members;
 - A. The SIG Officers have addressed numerous inquiries by Section and APTA leadership and membership as well as those from SIG liaisons and members. Many inquires are regarding legislative questions and educational opportunities. Some are from members of the public, specifically high school, college, and physical therapy students interested in further exploring animal rehabilitation as a career path.
 - B. Our State Liaison Network continues to be active, especially in New Hampshire, Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska, Arkansas, and Maryland.
3. Develop and recommend practice standards & terminology
 - A. We continue to gather data through surveys of members and non-members in our Practice Analysis. We hope to close the survey at the end of CSM 2009.
4. Identify changes in legislation, regulation, & reimbursement issues at state and national levels;
 - A. Registration of physical therapists practicing on/with animals in Colorado is official.
 - B. Legislation is being proposed in New Hampshire and Maryland.
 - C. Discussion continues with regards to legislative changes in Nebraska, Arkansas, and Missouri.
5. Identify and provide resource people & materials to accurately share practice information and address areas of concern related to the SIG domain with guidance of the Section; and
 - A. A Resource Manual has been assembled and is ready, with approval of the Section, to be posted on the website for SIG membership and liaisons.

- B. Legislative issues have been forwarded to Justin Elliott, APTA Associate Director of State Relations, our SIG/Section liaison, Ellen Hamilton, and Jay Irrgang.
 - C. Our State Liaison Network continues to be active as sited above.
6. Foster credible research within the SIG domain in conjunction with the Section Research Committee to promote both scientific foundation and interdisciplinary study within the SIG domain.
- A. Our Vice-chairperson is actively pursuing a PhD with research in animal rehabilitation/physical therapy.
 - B. Our Research Chairperson maintains involvement in the SIG and Section. She hopes to be involved in the Research Agenda.
 - C. Our Newsletter Coordinator will continue to promote publication of case studies and series.