

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

HELLO!

I hope that this finds all of you well.

Following are two essays by Lin McGonagle, MSPT, LVT, the present Treasurer and Founding President of the Animal Physical Therapy Special Interest Group. The practice of animal physical therapy and rehabilitation has come a long way in a short time and Lin addresses a few of the more challenging clinical problems encountered in her practice. I hope that you will find this information to be useful.

I invite any APTSIG member to contribute to our newsletter. We are looking for interesting and relevant clinical articles, especially literature reviews and case studies.

We are continuing to move forward with implementation of our Strategic Plan and find that we are exceptionally busy with our legislative efforts through our state liaison network (now 32 members strong!) and Practice Analysis. We're attempting to maintain open and frequent communication with our membership through blast emails, listserves, and these newsletters. Please let us know if there is something more that we can do for you, our members.

We hope to soon hear and pass on to you a full report from Steve Strunk and Charlie Evans who recently attended WCPT for some special meetings regarding animal physical therapy and rehabilitation. As well, I will be attending and addressing the APTA State Government Affairs Forum in September and our Vice President, Caroline Adamson Adrian, will be attending the APTA Annual Conference in June and Orthopaedic Section Fall Meeting in October. We both look forward to meeting more APTSIG members at the American College of Veterinary Surgeons Symposium in Chicago in October and again at CSM 2008 in Nashville in February. It's shaping up to be another busy year!

Best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy summer season!

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PS: Just announced, the IAVRPT (International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy) will be holding its fifth VetPT Symposium August 13-16, 2008 at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We hope to see you there!