

ANIMAL PHYSICAL THERAPIST

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Hello and Happy Holidays!

It's hard to believe that 2009 is drawing to a close and that CSM is just around the corner! It has been a busy year for all but especially in regards to legislative issues in animal rehabilitation. It seems that our business meeting at CSM is frequently "monopolized" by these discussions, which obviously, are very important. For this reason, the ARSIG leadership proposed a separate session at CSM 2010 to address these issues, questions, and concerns. It seems that many states have devised legislative language that seems to "fit" with the PT rules and regulations and in cooperation with the veterinarian rules and regulations. The question is, "Can we establish mutually agreeable language (for PT and DVM licensing boards as well as the APTA and AVMA) to regulate the practice of animal rehabilitation/physical therapy of animals by physical therapists?" Details regarding this special session are below. Food will be provided so, we ask that each of you RSVP for this event. We look forward to discussions with our SIG state liaisons, active members, and interested members in attendance and will also have representatives from the Orthopaedic Section, APTA, and FSBPT.

Thanks and hope to see you there!

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Let's Lunch and Discuss Legislation in Animal Rehabilitation!

When: Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 12:30pm

Where: To be determined, APTA Combined Sections Meeting, San Diego, California

Our Goals:

- Summarize the "issues"
- Educational requirements beyond "entry level"
- Supervision vs. referral vs. veterinary medical clearance vs. direct access
- Liability issues
- Discuss and edit "legislative language:" a model/position of the ARSIG
- Brainstorm our next steps

Facilitators:

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Please RSVP ASAP to save your seat:

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SPACE IS LIMITED!!!

Our plan is to distribute proposed "legislative language" for review and comments approximately 2 months prior to CSM to encourage your collaboration and to facilitate your involvement even if you are unable to attend this event.