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A change to the sessions we offer...

Due to high demand for rehabilitation sessions we are no longer able to offer fun swims. This will mean there will be more time dedicated to the patients who benefit most from this great treatment. We will however be introducing two new sessions for those serious about fitness...

Show Ring Ready – a session designed to maximise your dogs condition and performance for the show ring. Specifically working on balanced stands, flowing gait and developing even muscle tone to show off your dogs full potential. And...

Competing & Working - Stave off injury and enhance agility by strengthening muscles and joints through a non-impact, cardiovascular workout. Give your athlete the competitive edge whilst taking care of their health.

As with all of our sessions any dog partaking in either of these will require completion of a veterinary referral form. In the instance of these two sessions to prove that the dog is in full health. Many thanks for your continuing cooperation in completing these forms for us.

A recent special case...

Spirit – 13 year old



Briard

Spirit has been attending weekly hydrotherapy for a few months now due to arthritis affecting all four limbs and in most joints. A few weeks ago though she had a gastric torsion and underwent immediate surgery. This week (3 weeks post-op), with veterinary consent, Spirit was back in the pool to start building back some of the muscle she lost whilst on cage rest. Spirit's sessions currently consist mainly of pod work to keep her mobile and stave off stiffness. In total she is doing less than a minute of swimming which will gradually be increased over the course of the weeks to come. Hydrotherapy has become an important aspect in giving Spirit a good quality of life. Where it may be unusual for a dog to return to the pool so soon after such surgery in this instance between the vet, owner and ourselves it was decided the sooner Spirit return to her sessions the better. Spirit also seemed happy to be back in the water and following her session had a boost of energy which we find occurs with a lot of our senior patients.

If you have a case which requires extra precautions or any special implementations please do get in contact.



Multimodal approach...

We have had a few cases recently where we have worked alongside a land based therapist to build a suitable multimodal approach program for the patient. These cases have been seeing good results with the advantage of the owner also then having a home program to be able to give their pet additional treatment. We're happy to work with therapists you recommend through your surgery or if you would like us to help your client to find one we would be very happy to do so.

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