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Dr. Duerr oversees the Orthopedic Medicine and Mobility Program at CSU and is passionate about finding new treatment options for animals with mobility concerns. Dr. Duerr believes that clinical research has the ability to not only improve the health of individual animals but also to make a difference for other pets and the people on the other end of the leash. His passion is solving problems that impact quality of life related to musculoskeletal problems with a particular interest in injury prevention. Dr. Duerr completed his veterinary degree in Germany followed by internships in Canada and his surgery residency at CSU. He spent a number of years in private practice before returning to academia in 2011. He is a Diplomate of both the American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) and the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR).

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Dr. Lambrechts did his veterinary training in South Africa. After three years of small animal private practice in South Africa and the UK, he returned to the University of Pretoria and completed a three-year residency in small animal surgery, being awarded a master’s degree (MMedVet). He joined the surgery faculty shortly thereafter, remaining in this position for about 10 years. During this time he became a Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) through examination. He was an invited lecturer at School of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech for a year, followed by eight years as an Associated Professor in Small Animal Surgery at Purdue University, Indiana. He took up a position in Small Animal Surgery at Colorado State University in late 2014. He became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (ACVSMR) in early 2015 by examination. Dr. Lambrechts has an interest in pain diagnosis and management, muscle/tendon diseases and the use of objective tools like instrumented gait analysis to provide evidence-based treatments and programs for musculoskeletal disease and injuries.
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Sasha A. Foster, MSPT, CCRT, has her Master of Science in physical therapy from Arcadia University in Glenside, PA, and is a certified canine rehabilitation therapist through Canine Rehab Institute in Wellington, FL. In collaboration faculty and staff, she helped build the human model of rehabilitation inside the veterinary teaching hospital so dogs in all areas of the hospital from critical care through sports medicine have the opportunity to receive rehabilitation. As a licensed human physical therapist, she brings years of manual therapy skills to the Orthopedic Medicine & Mobility team helping them evaluate muscles and ligaments in novel ways to improve diagnostics. Her skill set also helps develop individual treatment plans, in-house clinical trials protocols and multi-center research protocols. Outside of CSU she is a faculty member at Canine Rehab Institute and an avid writer of non-fiction rehabilitation and fitness books including the award winning books, The Healthy Way to Stretch Your Dog, A Physical Therapy Approach and Canine Cross Training, Building Balance, Strength and Endurance in Your Dog. She is a contributing author in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation and the upcoming Canine Lameness. Her professional goal as a canine rehabilitation therapist is to teach students the importance of canine rehabilitation by providing evidence-based, gentle-handling evaluations and treatments to help patients return to their highest level of pain-free functional mobility.

**Laura Southworth**  
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Laura grew up in Wisconsin, where her love of animals began. She received her BS in Biology in 2000. She discovered canine rehabilitation when her agility dog, Ellie, had a strained muscle which no one else was able to diagnose. After 6 months of rehab, Ellie was performing better than ever, and Laura was sold on rehab! She received her CVT in 2014 from Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology to pursue her dream of being part of a rehabilitation team. Laura became certified in canine rehab and received her CCRP in 2017. Laura’s goals for this career include providing compassionate and loving care while treating and respecting each patient as an individual. She also is interested in continuing to develop her knowledge of operant conditioning and gentle handling. Fun jobs in Laura’s past include handling for an Iditarod musher for three seasons and working at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center caring for 185 large cats, including tigers, lions, leopards and mountain lions.

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Kelsie earned her Veterinary Technician Certification shortly after moving to Colorado from a small town in Maine. She attended Front Range Community College where she graduated with an Associates in Applied Science and received her Veterinary Technician Certification. She went on to complete a Bachelor of Science at Colorado State University in Equine Sciences. Once graduated she worked in a general private practice with an invested culture in gentle handling practices for both dogs and cats. There she worked with a theriogenologist, focusing on reproduction and specialty neonate care. She returned to CSU in 2016 to work for the Clinical Trials service of OMM where she loves being part of state-of-the-art, and often translational science for dogs with orthopedic diseases and injuries. Medicine and Rehabilitation and the upcoming Canine Lameness. Her professional goal as a canine rehabilitation therapist is to teach students the importance of canine rehabilitation by providing evidence-based, gentle-handling evaluations and treatments to help patients return to their highest level of pain-free functional mobility.

Courtney Klaffy  
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Courtney grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. She received her BS in Outdoor Education and Adaptive Recreation from Northland College in Ashland, WI in 2007. After college she worked in outdoor education for a few years before doing an internship training service dogs. She became interested in veterinary medicine and started working as a technician at Friendship Hospital for Animals in Washington, DC in 2011. During her seven years at Friendship, Courtney became a licensed veterinary technician in 2016 and a Certified Canine Massage Practitioner through NBCAAM in 2017. Courtney started working at CSU’s Veterinary Teaching Hospital in 2018. She plans to become a certified canine rehabilitation therapist and to receive her veterinary technician specialty certification in Rehabilitation in the future. Her future goal is to work with avalanche dogs. A few impactful jobs in Courtney’s past were at the Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester, ID studying wolf behavior and learning how to train service dogs at Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services in Columbia, SC. In her spare time Courtney tries to get outside as much as possible or spend time at home with her husband and two cats, Epi and Roman.
Amanda was born and raised in southern Louisiana. She earned her BA in English and MA in Anthropology from Louisiana State University. After school, she worked briefly in social services in Vermont and New York before returning to school to earn her AAS in Veterinary Technology Science. In 2011, she graduated summa cum laude from State University of New York at Delhi. Shortly after graduation, she began working at a veterinary specialty clinic in Decatur, GA. 6 years later, Amanda and her husband decided to follow their dream of living out West and moved to Fort Collins. In March of 2018, Amanda began working with CSU’s OMM service. During her career, Amanda has presented continuing education programs for other veterinary technicians and veterinarians and is the primary author of a RACE article regarding radiography that was published in the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) journal in 2018. Amanda loves working with four-legged friends and their families and is proud to be part of the OMM team!
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Dr. Frank earned his BSc degree in Animal Sciences in 1995, from the Faculty of Agriculture, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. In 1999 he graduated his DVM degree from the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and in 2000 he completed a year of an internship program in small animal medicine, surgery and intensive care at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine, Israel. Recently he retired from service after 15 years as the Chief Veterinarian of Special Operations Military Working Dogs Unit, in order to dedicate three years to the residency training program in Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation at CSU. On his leisure time IIan enjoys mountain biking, playing guitar, and spending time with his wife, three kids and his dog – “Molly”, a retired Search & Rescue Military Working Dog.

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Dr. Shamir received her Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees from the University of California, Davis. After living in sunny California for many years, she moved to Canada, braving the snowy winters while completing a small animal rotating internship at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph, Ontario, followed by a surgical specialty internship at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Dr. Shamir is excited to be a part of the Orthopedic Medicine and Mobility team at CSU, where she manages the ongoing clinical trials. Dr. Shamir has an interest in all aspects of small animal surgery and a passion for research, with the goal of improving the way we care for our beloved pets.

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Dr. Wendland attended veterinary school at Colorado State University and has been working with the CSU OMM team since 2012. She is a certified veterinary medical acupuncturist (CVA) and has training in canine rehabilitation and veterinary chiropractic therapy. Dr. Wendland has special interests in V-OP, rehabilitation of canine athletes, pain management, gait analysis, and evidence based non-surgical and minimally invasive therapies for musculoskeletal and neurologic diseases. Past and current research includes partial limb amputation and prosthetics, novel gait analysis, and integrative therapies for osteoarthritis pain management. Dr. Wendland is currently pursuing a residency in sports medicine and rehabilitation and looks forward to learning and growing with this up and coming specialty field of veterinary medicine.

Prior to veterinary school, Dr. Wendland obtained a fine arts degree and worked professionally as an artist. She still creates art in her free time when possible and also enjoys riding her horses and practicing martial arts.