FACULTY

**Felix Duerr, DVM, MS, DACVS-SA, DECVS, DACVSMR**
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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. He believes that clinical research can not only improve the health of individual animals but also make a difference for other pets and the people on the other end of the leash. His passion is solving musculoskeletal problems that impact quality of life, and he has a particular interest in injury prevention. Dr. Duerr completed his veterinary degree in Germany followed by internships in Canada and a surgery residency at CSU. He spent several 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).

**Lindsay Elam, DVM, MPH, DACVSMR, CVA**
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Dr. Elam comes to Colorado State University from the University of Florida (UF) College of Veterinary Medicine. There, she concurrently obtained her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Master of Public Health degrees, and stayed on to complete a specialty internship in Integrative Medicine and a residency in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Elam served as faculty at UF from 2016 until 2020, when she joined CSU. She is additionally certified in veterinary acupuncture through the Chi Institute. In her free time, she enjoys cooking; hiking with her cattle dog mix, Panda; hanging out with her three cats, Monkey, Fennec and Dee; and finding new places to enjoy good food and coffee with her husband, Josh.
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Sasha obtained a MS degree in physical therapy from Arcadia University in Glenside, PA, and is a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist (CCRT) through the Canine Rehab Institute in Wellington, FL. In collaboration with CSU 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 animal muscles and ligaments in novel ways to improve diagnostics. Her skill set is also used to develop individual treatment plans, in-house clinical trials protocols and multi-center research protocols.

Outside of CSU, Sasha is a faculty member at the Canine Rehab Institute and an avid writer of 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 to the textbooks, *Canine Sports Medicine* and *Rehabilitation and 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. Although her background is in human and canine rehabilitation, she applies her vast knowledge to helping other animal patients as well.

Laura Southworth, BS, CVT, CCRP
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Laura grew up in Wisconsin, where her love of animals began. She received a BS degree in Biology in 2000. When her agility dog, Ellie, had a strained muscle that veterinarians had a hard time diagnosing and treating, Laura discovered canine rehabilitation. After 6 months of rehab, Ellie was performing better than ever, and Laura was sold on rehabilitative therapy! She went on to obtain her CVT in 2014 from the Colorado Academy of Veterinary Technology so she could pursue her dream of being part of a rehabilitation team. In 2017, she became a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (CCRP). Laura’s career goals include providing compassionate and loving care while treating and respecting each patient as an individual. She is also interested in continuing to develop her knowledge of animal training using positive reinforcement and gentle handling techniques. Fun jobs in Laura’s past include handling for an Iditarod musher for three seasons and working at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Indiana, caring for 185 large cats, including tigers, lions, leopards and mountain lions.

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Kelsie Condon, BS, CVT
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Shortly after moving to Colorado from a small town in Maine, Kelsie attended Front Range Community College where she graduated with an AAS degree and obtained her Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) license. She then went on to complete a BS degree in equine sciences at CSU. After that, Kelsie worked in a veterinary practice with an invested culture in gentle handling techniques for both dogs and cats. Most of her time there was spent working with a theriogenologist (reproductive specialist), focusing on reproduction and neonate care. Returning to CSU in 2016 to work for the Clinical Trials service of OMM, Kelsie now enjoys being part of a research team using state-of-the-art methods and equipment to explore new treatments for dogs with orthopedic diseases and injuries. The fact that this research can sometimes be used to help humans is exciting to her, as well.

Amanda Reed, BA, MA, CVT
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Amanda was born and raised in southern Louisiana. She earned a BA degree in English and MA degree in anthropology from Louisiana State University. She then 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 the State University of New York at Delhi. Shortly after graduation, she began working at a veterinary specialty clinic in Decatur, GA. Six years later, Amanda and her husband decided to follow their dream of living out West and moved to Fort Collins, and in 2018, she began working with CSU’s OMM service.

During her career, Amanda has presented continuing education programs for other veterinary technicians and veterinarians. She is the primary author of an article on radiography that was published in the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) journal in 2018. Amanda loves working with our four-legged friends and their families and is proud to be part of the OMM team!
CLINICAL STAFF (CONT.)

Andie Ball
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As a child, Andie wanted to be a veterinarian, archaeologist and flight attendant. Instead, however, she first became a certified graphic designer after obtaining a degree in geology and English. But she started her veterinary career at the early age of 15 when she worked as a customer care representative and veterinary technician at a small animal general practice. Much of her 27-year veterinary career has been spent as an emergency or internal medicine veterinary nurse. Andie started with the OMM service in 2019 and is excited to be here.

Married with four adult children, Andie and her husband stay busy caring for their 50-some houseplants, 12 chickens, 2 dogs, 3 cats and one ball python. They also plan to add beehives and goats to their small hobby farm. Even with all that responsibility (or maybe because of it!), Andie’s life goals include more travel, as well as volunteer work to help the stray animal population in places like Belize.

Lisa Jones, CVT
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A Fort Collins native, Lisa graduated from Front Range Community College’s veterinary technology program and became a Certified Veterinary Technician in 2014. Her veterinary career includes time in general practice and rehabilitative therapy as well as several years working for a specialty hospital focusing first on emergency cases and then dentistry. She continues to volunteer with the Peter Emily International Veterinary Dental Foundation, assisting in dental procedures on exotic animals at wildlife sanctuaries. Lisa says in all these positions, her biggest reward is seeing her patients’ quality of life improve.

Outside of work, Lisa keeps busy with her young daughter, 2 dogs and a cat. She also enjoys reading fantasy fiction, going to the movies with her daughter, snowboarding, running, Cross Fit, camping and dirt biking.
RESIDENTS

Ah Young Kim, DVM, MS, CVA, CCRT  
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Dr. Kim began her Small Animal Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation residency with the OMM team in 2019. She received her DVM degree from Seoul National University’s College of Veterinary Medicine in Korea and remained there to complete three years of orthopedic and neurosurgery training (the equivalent of a U.S. surgical residency). After that, she worked as a veterinary orthopedic and neurosurgeon for more than two years, when she then decided she wanted to learn more about non-surgical management of orthopedic diseases. Recognizing that soft tissues are just as important as bones in musculoskeletal diseases, Dr. Kim became certified in veterinary acupuncture and canine rehabilitation.

Today, her special interests include veterinary orthotics and prosthetics, arthritis management (physical therapies, gene therapies, stem cells, pain management, acupuncture), objective gait analysis, orthopedic surgery, and nutrition. Dr. Kim wants to be the “gait keeper” for companion animals and help beloved pets have the long and happy life they deserve.

Gina Joseph, DVM  
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Dr. Joseph is our newest Small Animal Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation resident. Originally from Ventura, CA she obtained a bachelor’s degree in animal science at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and went on to obtain her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine as part of the first graduating class at Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona. She then returned to California to complete a rotating internship at a private practice in Sacramento, followed by a surgical internship in Columbia, South Carolina. When not hard at work, she likes to play with her tabby cat, Bogey, and her energetic German Shepherd mix, Dodger. She is a diehard baseball fan and amateur “foodie,” always looking for a new recipe or restaurant to try. Dr. Joseph’s professional interests include post-surgical rehabilitation and diagnostic and therapeutic arthroscopy and ultrasound. She is excited to join the team at CSU and looks forward to meeting you and your 4-legged friends.
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Dr. Soy Kim, a southern California native who graduated veterinary school from Western University of Health Sciences in 2018, is OMM’s research intern. She completed a small animal rotating internship in Los Angeles and then went on to complete a surgery internship in San Antonio, Texas. During her undergraduate studies in zoology at the University of California, Santa Barbara, she volunteered in animal shelters and worked as a veterinary assistant at an animal rehabilitation clinic, where she was first exposed to animal rehabilitation and physical therapy for post-operative orthopedic and neurosurgery patients. Dr. Kim intends to pursue a surgery residency to become a board-certified small animal surgeon, as she enjoys using her head, hands and heart to perform surgeries that make a difference in an animal’s life. She is looking forward to delving more into orthopedic medicine and developing a deeper understanding and appreciation of how non-surgical approaches can enhance a patient's quality of life.

A self-proclaimed “foodie,” Dr. Kim loves checking out new restaurants, cafes and dog-friendly breweries. Outside of work, she likes to spend most of her time reading and going on scenic walks, all the while serving the needs of her bossy and sassy Great Pyrenees mix.

Cheryl Kolus, MS, DVM  
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Cheryl obtained her degrees from Colorado State University and worked as a veterinarian specializing in companion animal and shelter animal behavior for several years before seeking a new adventure as OMM’s service coordinator. She has a background in communications and prior to veterinary school worked as an environmental educator. Cheryl still has a passion for animal behavior and uses her knowledge and experience in this field to keep her OMM coworkers in line! She enjoys being in the academic veterinary setting and is excited to work with teammates who are so dedicated to the clients, students and pets they serve.