ORTHOPEDIC MEDICINE AND MOBILITY

Prevention and Non-Surgical Treatment Options for Orthopedic Injury and Disease

Orthopedic Medicine and Mobility (OMM) focuses on the diagnosis, prevention and non-surgical treatment of muscle, tendon, ligament and joint problems affecting mobility. We treat lameness and disabilities related to sporting and athletic activities, old age, neurologic dysfunction, and other mobility problems. One of our main focus areas is arthritis – one of the most common chronic disabilities in people and dogs.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR APPOINTMENT:

After arriving and checking in at the front desk, the veterinary student or technician will come up to meet you and your pet. During this intake process they will review the client intake form you completed online. If you were unable to complete the form online, they will ask you the questions in person. At this intake it is very important to us that we clearly understand how we may help you and your pet today.

Once intake is completed, your dog is invited back to our treatment area where the student, resident, rehabilitation therapist, and faculty will evaluate your dog. We will ask you to remain in the lobby for the duration of this evaluation allowing us to teach our veterinary students.

Our comprehensive evaluation includes a Tekscan gait analysis on our pressure sensitive walkway, a full orthopedic evaluation and a rehabilitation evaluation assessing all the joints and muscles of the body.

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Once the evaluations are completed, the team develops diagnostic and treatment options. The veterinary student and resident will meet with you and present their findings, along with our recommendations.

Dr. Felix Duerr, Service Chief
With diagnostic and treatment options in hand, it may be possible to proceed with diagnostics and treatments today. Alternatively, you may decide to return home to review the options and reach out to us when you have made some decisions for your pet.

If you choose to have diagnostics and treatments completed at your first appointment, the technicians must first ensure the diagnostics are available. Once available, you will be provided with a general time-line for diagnostic and treatment completion. This is a good time to go out for a walk, enjoy a nice lunch, or shop in Old Town.

If this is your first appointment with us, please plan on remaining in Fort Collins with us for most of the day. We are happy to provide you with a list of local favorite restaurants and shopping experiences.

When diagnostics and treatments are completed for the day, we will call you to return to the hospital. The team will meet with you to wrap up the day, provide you with follow-up plans and review home exercises if indicated.

Clinical trials are studies that find new ways to prevent, detect, or treat diseases. For instance, “For dogs with osteoarthritis, does acupuncture improve their gait?”

If you are interested in seeing if your dog can be helped by enrolling in a clinical trial, simply ask someone on the team or visit the website.

Thank you again for inviting us to be part of your dog’s health care team. We look forward to working with you to help your dog achieve their highest level of pain-free function.

Felix Duer,  
Service Chief

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