Canine Rehabilitation Therapist  
Veterinary Teaching Hospital  
College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences  

Position Summary:  
The Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) at Colorado State University (CSU) seeks to fill a lead Canine Rehabilitation Therapist position. This position is an integral part of the VTH and will assist with treatments, instruction, and organization of patients being seen for rehabilitation therapies. This person performs exams, develops plan of care, directly provides rehabilitation services, coordinates the schedule and interfaces with other services, and provides clinical instruction to veterinary students. Modalities currently used in this service include, among others: land and underwater treadmill, electrical stimulation, laser, therapeutic ultrasound, shockwave, and manual therapies. The service treats small animals, exotics, wildlife, and some equine patients. This person has direct contact with clients and referring veterinarians and must have excellent communication skills. The ideal candidate combines exceptional customer service with rehabilitation skill, excitement to learn new modalities of treatment, and a passion for teaching.

Responsibilities/Duties:  
- Perform rehabilitation exam assessments and treatments.  
- Develop an individual Plan of Care (POC) for patients in collaboration with RDVM.  
- Ensure that clients are seen in a timely fashion and keeps the service flowing.  
- Perform, delegate, and supervise rehabilitation treatments with staff and/or students.  
- Create objective outcome measures on all patients.  
- Instruct owners on proper technique for all home exercise plans prescribed.  
- Review and finalize discharges by writing or assisting students in writing discharges, treatment plans, and case summaries of all patients.  
- Input all applicable patient charges accurately and promptly.  
- Make sure that all paper work is completed and signed (i.e. discharge instructions).  
- Communication to include;  
  - Contact RDVM within 24 hours of seeing client with patient update.  
  - Return RDVM or consulting service phone calls  
  - Receive and return phone calls from clients interested in general information, scheduling initial examinations and follow-up appointments.  
  - Receive patients from and communicate directly with clients, taking an accurate history and handling questions from them.  
- Operation duties to perform or delegate to include;  
  - Compile weekly treatment reports.  
  - Compile inventory order form.  
- Student instruction to include;  
  - Assist students in learning various rehabilitation techniques, exercises, functional anatomy and proper use of rehabilitation modalities including underwater treadmill, land treadmill, shockwave, NMES, TENS, LASER and therapeutic ultrasound, among others.  
  - Assist students in learning various techniques, protocols, and other related procedures such as bandaging, bladder expression, and therapy and assistance carts.  
  - Maintain updated student handouts.  
  - Collect and file assignments by students.  
  - Lead or delegate service orientation.  
  - Submit rotation grades.
**Education/ Work Experience:**

The candidate must have successfully completed an educational physical therapy degree (such as PT, MPT, msPT, DPT or tDPT) AND certification as Certified Canine Rehabilitation Therapist (CCRT) or Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner (CCRP). The candidate must hold an active PT license in the state of Colorado. In addition to the degree requirements, the individual must possess five or more years in rehabilitation case management (human and/or animal). Qualified individuals must have at least one year of experience in a primary care veterinary hospital.

This position requires strong interpersonal skills with daily use of clinical systems and data management tools. The selected individual must have the ability to bring immediate credibility to the veterinary rehabilitation service through his/her professional qualifications and clinical skills as well as project the highest levels of integrity. Candidate should have a personal and professional commitment to diversity as demonstrated by involvement in teaching, research, creative activity, service to the profession and/or diversity/inclusion activities.

**Reporting Relationship:**

This position reports directly to Dr. Duerr. This service is being developed and the successful candidate will have direct reports and potential budgetary responsibility.

**Salary:** commensurate with experience

**To Apply:**

Send electronic application to kathie.sexton@colostate.edu and include cover letter explaining how experience fits job description/duties, resume, and names and email/phone information for 3 references. References will not be contacted without prior notification of applicants. For full consideration, applications must be received by November 22, 2013. Position open until filled.

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