

Royal (Dick)
Edinburgh
Physiotherapy
Assessment &
Intensive
Rehabilitation

The REPAIR Centre, is based at the Hospital for Small Animals and offers a wide range of dry physiotherapy and also hydrotherapy techniques, for companion animals and exotic species.

We receive referral cases from external veterinary practices, whilst also supporting our own patients here in the hospital; providing a friendly, accessible and professional service to owners, their pets and referring vets. Our aim is to promote a prompt and complete recovery from injury, complementing traditional treatments. A bespoke treatment plan is developed for each of our patients, based on a comprehensive assessment.

In addition to offering treatments, we endeavour to improve the profession's knowledge and understanding of the benefits of physiotherapy and hydrotherapy in specific disease processes. Objective measurements are used to evaluate the comfort of our patients and changes in their mobility following treatment.

Therapy at the REPAIR Centre

Following initial evaluation, a treatment plan will be created. This plan may include physical manipulation, hydrotherapy and a written exercise plan to take home. We work with the owner and their pet to ensure the best outcome, so owners are encouraged to participate in therapy sessions.

Follow-up appointments for re-evaluation will be scheduled as indicated. Some clinical problems can be rapidly resolved with a small number of visits, however, depending on the nature of the condition, longer term maintenance treatment may be recommended.









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- Qualified and experienced physiotherapists
- Prompt referral with a flexible appointment schedule
- · Wide range of dry physiotherapy techniques
- Hydrotherapy
- Objective outcome measures using pressure mats and quantitative sensory testing

Common Reasons for Referral:

- Osteoarthritis
- Hip dysplasia ('ball' of the hip joint does not sit correctly within the 'socket')
- Fibrocartilaginous embolism (blockage of small blood vessels in the spinal cord)
- · Rehabilitation following surgical management of
 - Cruciate disease
 - Patellar luxation (inappropriate excess movement of the the knee- cap)
 - Intervertebral disc disease (disease of the discs in the spine)
 - Diaphyseal and articular fractures (fractures of the long bones and fractures involving bones within a joint)
 - Arthroplasty (joint replacement)

Arranging a referral

Vets can refer a case by visiting our website at www.ed.ac.uk/vet/refer and completing our online referral appointment request form. Our reception staff will organise a prompt referral at a time to suit your client. Appointments are available from Monday to Friday with late opening on selected evenings, to suit a range of schedules.



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