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Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in Companion Animals: From Lameness Diagnosis to Treatment and Prevention

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Dear Colleague,

Many disciplines and specialties require the intervention or even the help of dogs with a high level of athletic performance such as, for example, agility, sled, rescue, police, defense, etc. Some of these situations could lead to excessive locomotion requirements, and, thus, the overload of different locomotor components as bones, tendons, ligaments, among others. On the other hand, many conditions are susceptible to be treated with rehabilitation, such as single or coadjuvant treatment, when pain, swelling, and atrophy are present in tissues. Consequently, many rehabilitation techniques (massage, exercise routines, hydrotherapy, etc.), often extrapolated from human medicine, are increasingly being settled given their proven efficacy.

The aim of this Special Issue is to cover the description of locomotor injuries, training techniques, adaptive changes in locomotor, cardiovascular, and respiratory systems in the field of sports medicine. In line with this, research involving rehabilitation techniques with the objective of returning companion animals to their normal function as fast as possible is also welcome.



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