Appointments

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Referrals & Consultations

The Rehabilitation and Mobility team is happy to work both directly with you or through your primary veterinarian. Our goal is to establish a rehabilitation treatment plan that helps support a healthy lifestyle for you and your pet.

Call 919-513-6999 to schedule an appointment, or learn more at ncstatevets.org/rehabilitation

ABOUT NC STATE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

At NC State Veterinary Hospital our mission is to provide animals and their owners with extraordinary, compassionate medical care.

Ranked as one of the best veterinary medicine complexes in the nation, we are dedicated to providing leadership in veterinary care, biomedical discovery, and societal engagement that addresses complex global issues facing animal, human, and environmental health.

We are the only veterinary teaching hospital in North Carolina, and an integrated health care center for companion, equine, and farm animals. Our expert medical team sees over 30,000 patients a year, from all over the world.

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Specialized Care

Our Rehabilitation and Mobility program offers a wide range of rehabilitative, fitness, and pain management services to treat dogs, cats, and other small animals.

Rehabilitation benefits many animals, including those with orthopedic and neurologic conditions (both post surgical and non surgical), those with arthritis and pain management needs, canine athletes, and pets needing help with weight management.

In addition to our inpatient and outpatient services, we provide continuity of care for our tertiary postoperative and medical patients, helping and assisting owners in the transition of their pet from hospital to home.

All patients seen by our Rehabilitation and Mobility team receive a full assessment and an individualized treatment plan based upon the patient’s needs and level of function, coupled with owner and clinician expectations.

Services
- Cryotherapy and thermotherapy
- Massage therapy
- Stretching and range-of-motion
- Acupuncture
- Electrical stimulation including TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation) and NMES ( Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation)
- Therapeutic ultrasound and low-level laser therapy
- Therapeutic exercise, including dry and underwater treadmill exercise
- Gait training/proprioceptive patterning
- Evaluation and measuring for mobility aids (splints, harnesses, braces and carts)

Benefits
The goal of physical rehabilitation is to manage pain and support mobility. Utilizing a variety of tools we can help:
- Provide drug-free options for pain management
- Improve function, strength, and range of motion
- Achieve a faster and more complete recovery
- Improve endurance and agility for athletes
- Provide options for conservative management of orthopedic or neurologic disease when surgery is not an option
- Improve and prolong quality of life
- Achieve weight loss in overweight and obese animals
- Provide ambulation assistance to patients who need carts, orthotic devices, or prostheses

Treatment
Our treatment program emphasizes a return to normal function so that pets can enjoy the activities they love. Some common conditions we treat include:
- Postsurgical care (ex: fracture repair, cranial cruciate ligament repair, spinal surgery)
- Neurologic conditions (ex: degenerative myelopathy, fibrocartilagenous embolism (FCE), spinal cord injury)
- Sports injuries, especially muscle and ligament tears
- Traumatic injuries, and intensive care cases
- Wound healing
- Geriatric wellness and mobility support
- Obesity
- Osteoarthritis