

# Actions Taken by the Veterinary Medical Board's Animal Rehabilitation Task Force

## June 20, 2016 Meeting

At this meeting, the following motions were approved:

1. Animal Physical Rehabilitation is defined as the treatment of injury or illness to address pain and improve function by means of physical corrective treatment.
2. Animal Physical Rehabilitation does not include relaxation, recreational or wellness modalities, including but not limited to, massage, athletic training or exercise.
3. Any proposed changes to existing law and regulations are not an attempt to restrict or amend section 2038 of the California Code of Regulations regarding the provision of Musculoskeletal Manipulation modalities.
4. Prior to performing or authorizing Animal Physical Rehabilitation, a veterinarian shall establish a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in sections 2032.1 or 2032.15 of the California Code of Regulations.

## October 4, 2016 Meeting

At this meeting, the following motions were approved:

1. Veterinarians have sufficient education and training to provide Animal Physical Rehabilitation.
2. Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) may provide Animal Physical Rehabilitation under the direct supervision of a veterinarian unless in a range setting in which case the veterinarian may provide the appropriate level of supervision.
3. Veterinary Assistants may provide Animal Physical Rehabilitation under the direct supervision of a veterinarian or an RVT.

## February 2, 2017

At the third and final meeting, this motion was approved:

California licensed physical therapists with advanced certification in Animal Physical Rehabilitation (with such certification to be defined by the Veterinary Medical Board and Physical Therapy Board working cooperatively) may provide animal physical rehabilitation under the degree of supervision to be determined by the veterinarian who has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship, on a veterinary premises or an Animal Physical

Rehabilitation premises (as defined in regulation by the Veterinary Medical Board and the Physical Therapy Board working cooperatively), or a range setting.