

**California Code of Regulations**  
**Title 16. Professional and Vocational Regulations**  
**Division 20. Veterinary Medical Board**

**ANIMAL PHYSICAL REHABILITATION**

**Order of Adoption**

Add Section 2038.5 to Article 4 of Division 20 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

2038.5. Animal Physical Rehabilitation.

(a) Animal Physical Rehabilitation (APR):

(1) is defined as the treatment of injury or illness to address pain and improve function by means of physical corrective treatment.

(2) does not include relaxation, recreational or wellness modalities, including but not limited to, massage, athletic training, or exercise.

(b) Prior to performing or authorizing APR, a veterinarian shall establish a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship as defined in Sections 2032.1 or 2032.15.

(c) R.V.T.s may perform APR under the degree of direct or indirect supervision determined by the veterinarian who has established the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

(d) Veterinary assistants may perform APR under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict or amend Section 2038 regarding the performance of MSM.

(f) This section shall not apply to wildlife rehabilitation regulated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4808 and 4836, Business and Professions Code.  
Reference: Sections 4825, 4826, 4836 and 4883, Business and Professions Code.