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Subject: RE: Animal Rehabilitation in Oregon
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To: karen.atlas@yahoo.com;
Date: Monday, June 20, 2016 9:48 AM

Hi, Karen –

That statute originated in 1975.

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Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 11:15 PM
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Subject: Re: Animal Rehabilitation in Oregon

Hi Lori,

How long has your animal rehabilitation regulations that you referred to been in effect?

Thank you,

Karen

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Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 3:50 PM
Subject: RE: Animal Rehabilitation in Oregon

Hi, Ms. Atlas –

Oregon law allows a non-veterinarian practitioner to work on animals with a veterinarian's diagnosis/treatment referral if the conduct does not violate the practitioner's licensing laws. I have never received a citizen complaint against either a physical therapist/rehab provider or a veterinarian specializing in animal rehab. (Just lucky, I guess!) Please let me know if you have further questions.
Lori

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686.040 Application of ORS 686.020 (1)(a); consultation with individual licensed in other state; rules. (1) ORS 686.020 (1)(a) does not apply to commissioned veterinary officers of the United States Army, or those in the employ of other United States Government agencies while engaged in their official capacity, unless they enter into a private practice.

(4) A practitioner of allied health methods may practice that method on animals without violating ORS 686.020 (1)(a), as long as the practice is in conformance with laws and rules governing the practitioner's practice and the practice is upon referral from a licensed veterinarian for treatment or therapy specified by the veterinarian.

From: karen.atlas@yahoo.com [<mailto:karen.atlas@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 11:42 AM

To: OVMEB Info

Subject: Animal Rehabilitation in Oregon

Dear Oregon Veterinary Medical Board,

My name is Karen Atlas, and I am a licensed physical therapist with advanced training/certification in canine rehabilitation.

I am also a member of the California Veterinary Medical Board's Animal Rehabilitation Task Force and we are in the process of determining appropriate regulations as it relates to animal rehabilitation here in our state.

I understand that Oregon allows properly qualified physical therapists to work under an indirect supervision model through exemption.

I was hoping that you could verify whether any complaints of harm or negligence have been made against a properly qualified physical therapist or a veterinarian practicing in the field of animal rehabilitation.

Certainly there is no need for specific names, but if you could verify the number and types of complaints made (or disciplinary action) against either a qualified physical therapist or a veterinarian in this specialty niche, it would be helpful for us as we pursue appropriate regulations in our state.

Any information you may have regarding your state model would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Karen

Karen Atlas, MPT, CCRT

California Veterinary Medical Board's Animal Rehabilitation Task Force Member