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Subject: Re: Animal Rehab and PT's in Utah?
From: Mark Steinagel (msteinagel@utah.gov)
To: karen.atlas@yahoo.com;
Date: Monday, June 6, 2016 4:31 PM

Here are quick answers from a couple of my managers:

Mark:

58-24b-405 (PT Practice Act) does allow "animal physical therapy." We do not have any additional information in Rule.

I haven't heard of any complaints.....

Thanks-Suzette (Farmer)

Mark,

We have veterinary massage (which may fall under rehabilitation) however, they have to be licensed as a massage therapist with a course in animal massage. It is not done through the vet end.

Jana Johansen

On Tue, May 31, 2016 at 9:29 AM, <karen.atlas@yahoo.com> wrote:
Dear Mr. Steinagel,

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 here in our state.

I understand that Utah allows properly qualified physical therapists to work under an indirect supervision model. 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 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 would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Karen

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