

# *Conditions for Referral to Physical Therapy*

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## **Neurological**

- peripheral neuropathy
- post-surgical: hemilaminectomy
- neck or back pain
- gait abnormalities
- intervertebral disc disease
- paralysis/paresis
- equipment consult for mobility devices: ordering and fitting

## **Orthopedic**

- fractures, delayed healing, non-union
- osteoarthritis
- hip dysplasia
- neck or back pain
- cranial cruciate ligament repair (CCL)
- total hip replacement (THR)
- triple pelvic osteotomy (TPO)
- femoral head and neck ostectomy (FHO)
- tendon injuries
- splinting/orthotics
- contractures
- joint pain or inflammation
- weight management
- amputations

## **Lameness**

- changes in weight bearing
- muscle atrophy
- weakness
- joint or muscle contractures
- neuropathy
- muscle spasms/pain

## **Soft Tissue Injury**

- muscle, tendon, ligament, fascia – strain or sprain
- muscle atrophy
- joint and muscle contractures

- edema

## **Senior Care**

- declining strength
- loss of mobility or function
- osteoarthritis
- client education: Home Care – massage, range of motion, positioning, lifting, and home adaptations – ramps, raised bowls, mobility devices, bedding

## **Pain Management**

- back or neck pain
- post-surgical management
- joint pain: edema
- muscular: hypertonicity or injury
- wounds, trauma

## **Performance Issues in racing, service and working animals**

- Lameness
- Exercise/Conditioning/training program consultation
- Soft tissue injury
- Post-surgical Rehabilitation

## **Wounds**

- post- surgical
- slow healing incisions
- degloving injury

## **Critical Care**

- respiratory complications i.e. pneumonia
- prevention of pressure sores
- edema reduction
- prevention of soft tissue and joint contractures
- prevention of muscle atrophy
- multiple orthopedic and neurological involvement
  - fractures, paralysis