The use of physical rehabilitation to assist in an animal’s recovery is a well-accepted practice for veterinary patients. Therapy targets restoration of physical function for animals with diseases caused by weakness, loss of coordination, inability to stand or walk or other problems with mobility. It can also assist with weight loss for pets.
With a mission of improving the quality of life for animals and their owners, the Physical Rehabilitation Service addresses the individual needs of each patient, be it post-surgery, non-surgical, osteoarthritis, neurological disorder, soft tissue injuries or weight management.

WHAT WE DO

The Physical Rehabilitation Service creates a program catered to your pet's specific needs to increase the rate of recovery from surgery or injury, improve function, assist with weight loss, increase mobility and strength and improve your pet's overall quality of life.

A veterinarian will assess your pet and determine the medical issue, followed by a rehabilitation examination by a certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner.

HOW WE DO IT

Keeping pace with the rapidly-changing field of veterinary medical technology, the service provides aquatic, indoor and outdoor facilities as well as advanced equipment to assist in each pet's health care:

- Hydro Physio underwater treadmill
- Fit Fur Life ground treadmill
- Therapeutic ultrasound
- Class IV Companion therapeutic laser
- Resistance swimming pool
- Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES)

Therapeutic exercises, massage therapy, and thermal therapy technologies are also available to improve your pet’s recovery and improve their physical health.

APPOINTMENTS

Appointments can be made by referral from your primary care veterinarian. At the time of referral they will be asked to provide copies of previous tests and reports. We also accept referrals directly from owners and we can reach out to your primary care veterinarian for background information. All referrals to the Wilford and Kate Bailey Small Animal Teaching Hospital require appointments. For more information on appointments, go online to www.vetmed.auburn.edu.