

Water Walker Physiotherapy

Our water walker is an underwater variable speed treadmill, designed for various skeletal or muscular problems. The water maintained at a balmy 30°C to make yr dog comfortable and to stimulate cardio-vascular activity, which aids circulation to the affected area.

Examples of conditions which benefit from water walker physiotherapy are:

Post orthopaedic surgery (after sutures removed);

Fracture repairs;

Cruciate ligament repairs

Excision arthroplasty

Spinal problems (spondylosis etc);

Arthritis;

OCD (osteo-chondrosis dessicans);

Age related muscular dystrophy;

CDRM;

Hip Dysplasia;

Weight loss programs.

Prices

The first session is free! This session will be designed for your dog to become accustomed to the water walker experience. Your pet will receive a check over by our nurse prior to entering the water walker before a gentle 5-minute walk on the treadmill with varying water levels.

Following sessions will be in 15- 30 minute blocks costing £25 per session. These will be built up depending upon your pets' needs. Check with your insurance company, most companies will cover upto £250 for complimentary therapies.

Please ask at reception, one of our nurses can show you the facilities and answer any queries:

Case Example: Murphy is a 12-year-old basset hound. He had been diagnosed with prolapsed disc in his spine. The muscles in his back legs had become very weak and he would knuckle over on his right hind. Even after just 4 sessions on the water walker his back legs have become stronger, he can walk up steps and is enjoying a better quality of life.

Water Walker Preparation:

Prior to bringing your dog in for a water walker session please follow these guidelines.....

1. Please make sure your dog is clean.
2. It is a good idea not to feed your dog for 2 hours beforehand.
3. Please make sure your dog has been to the toilet.
4. If your dog has been unwell please telephone the nurse, we may need to postpone your session.

And after a water walker session.....

1. Your dog will appreciate rest in a warm room following his / her session (we always make sure your dog is dry before they leave).
2. Please make sure that your pet receives any medication which the vet has prescribed for his / her condition.
3. At your next session tell the nurse of any stiffness or discomfort your pet has shown since his last session.

If unsure of anything please don't hesitate to call.