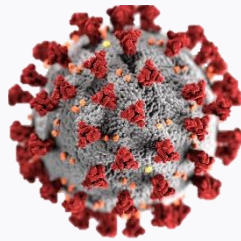


ADVICE FOR CLIENTS

COVID -19



During the lockdown, all veterinary physiotherapists are having to follow government and professional guidelines as we all need to prioritise public health.

Veterinary physiotherapy and other therapies are not considered essential treatment during the lockdown phase.

If your vet feels that your animal is considered an emergency case requiring therapy, they can give the veterinary physiotherapist written referral to treat.

An emergency is considered to be a condition which if untreated will affect the animal's life in the next three weeks.

If your animal requires regular treatment for a chronic condition (eg. osteoarthritis) in order to remain pain free, the vet can authorise treatment to continue – this **MUST** be in writing and a full risk assessment will need to take place prior to the visit.

What can you the owner do:

- You can work remotely with your veterinary physiotherapist, who will continue to support you and your animal.
- DO NOT increase work levels, continue at maintenance level.
- Reduce the work level if your animal becomes sore and discuss with your veterinary physiotherapist.
- Consider stopping all work for the short term.
- For the long term chronic cases (OA) contact your vet to discuss medication.

If you are concerned or need to discuss your animal's health please do not hesitate to contact your veterinary physiotherapist or your vet.