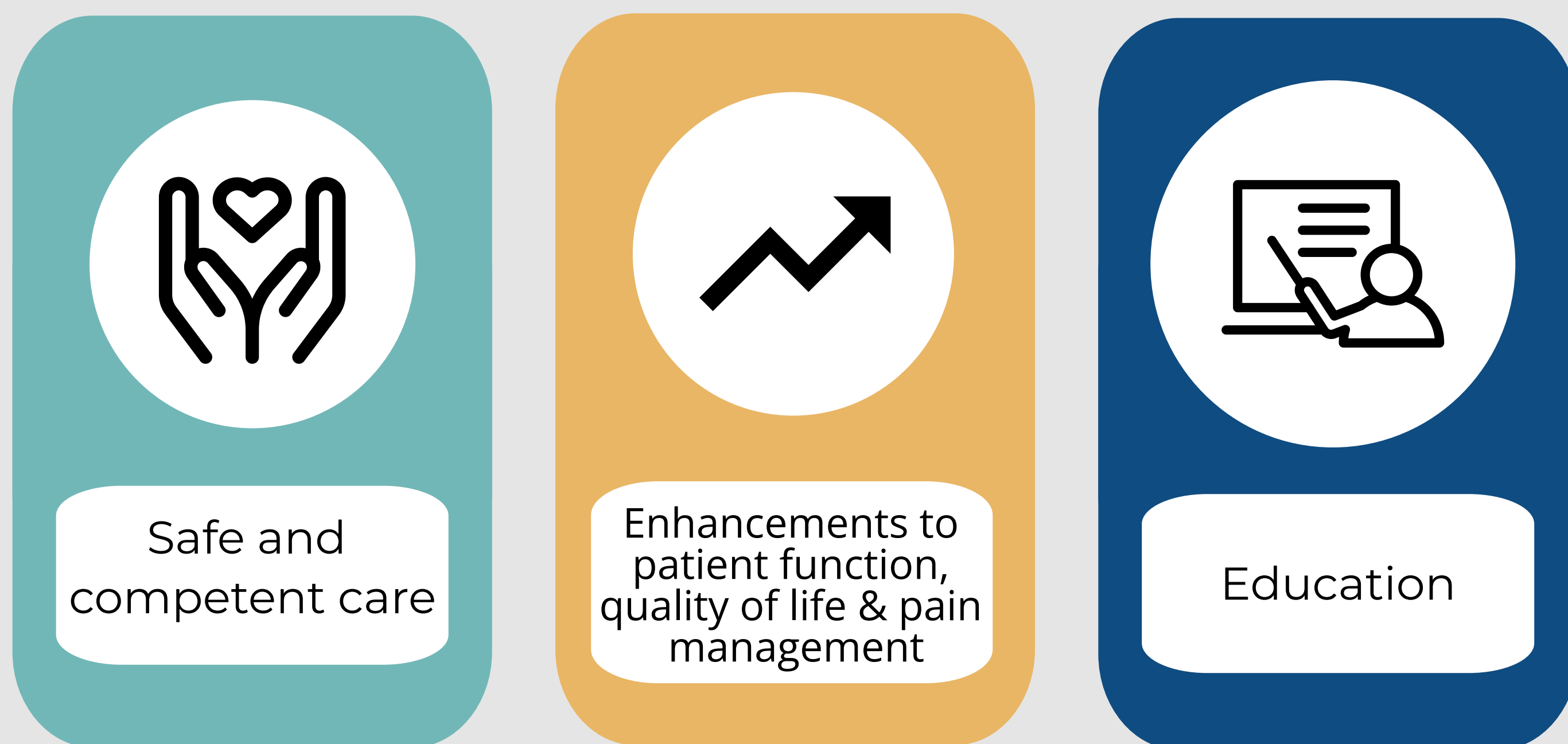


Benefits of Collaboration in Animal Physical Rehabilitation¹ for Professionals

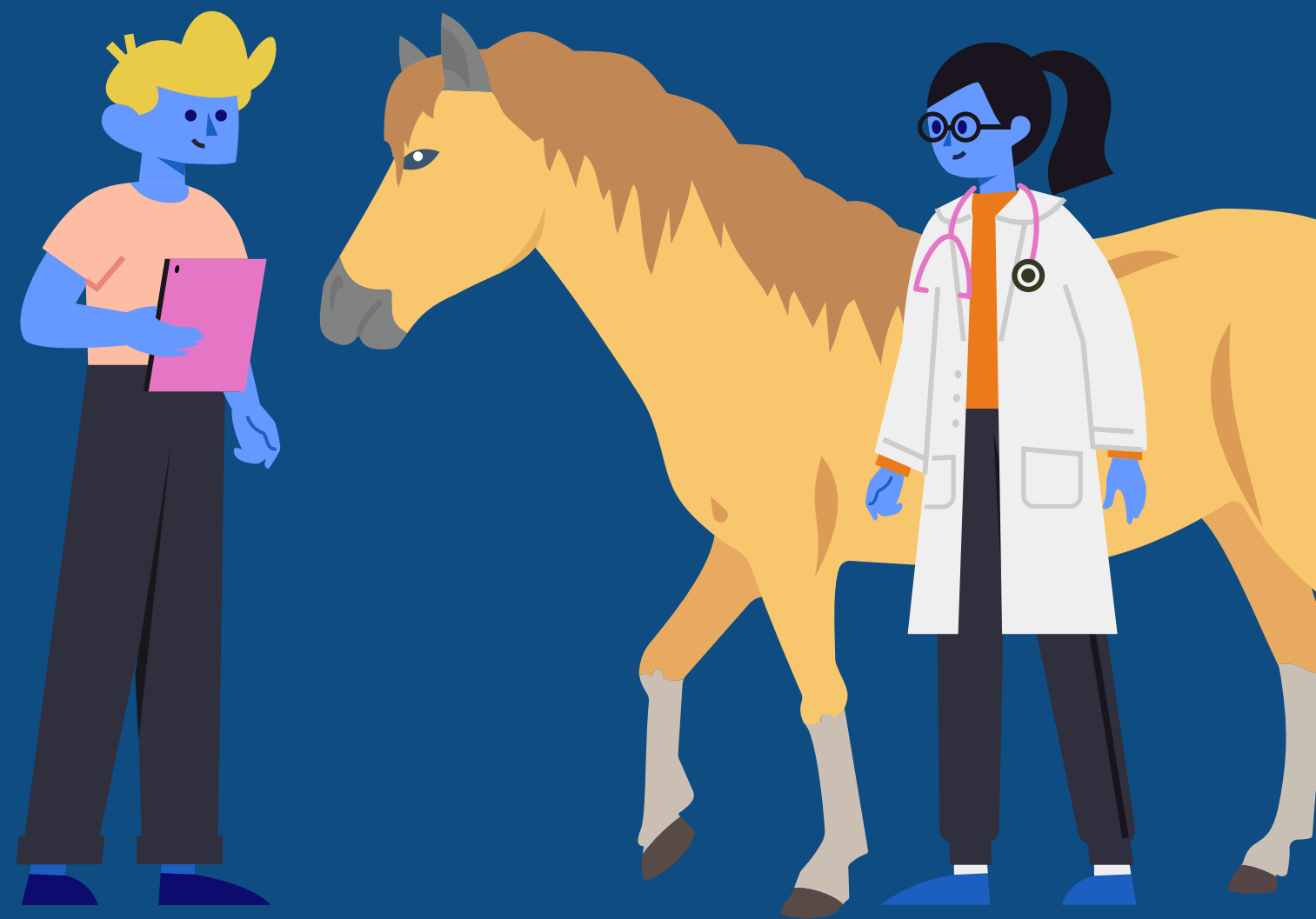
Collaboration between different providers of animal physical rehabilitation contributes to positive outcomes for animals and their owners. Shared care in physical rehabilitation of an animal is an example of professions coming together to offer services that increase function, mobility, and quality of life. Although these professions may have different skills and capabilities, their work is complementary.



Many veterinarians have already made animal physical rehabilitation a focus in their work by seeking certification and expertise in the area. There are also other care providers such as chiropractors (DC), physiotherapists (PT), and registered veterinary technicians (RVTs) who have sought certification in animal physical rehabilitation that work with veterinarians to provide this shared care. This team approach to care contributes positively to an animal's outcome and is fostered by the knowledge and skills of veterinarians and certified animal physical rehabilitation providers.

1. Animal Physical Rehabilitation is a multidisciplinary collaborative approach to the restoration, management, enhancement and maintenance of physical function of an animal for optimal quality of life, maximized level of function, reduction of disability and pain, and prevention of injury. *International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy.*

Benefits of Collaboration in Animal Physical Rehabilitation for the Public



Increased communication

A collaborative approach to animal rehabilitation enhances communication between professionals.



Continuity of care

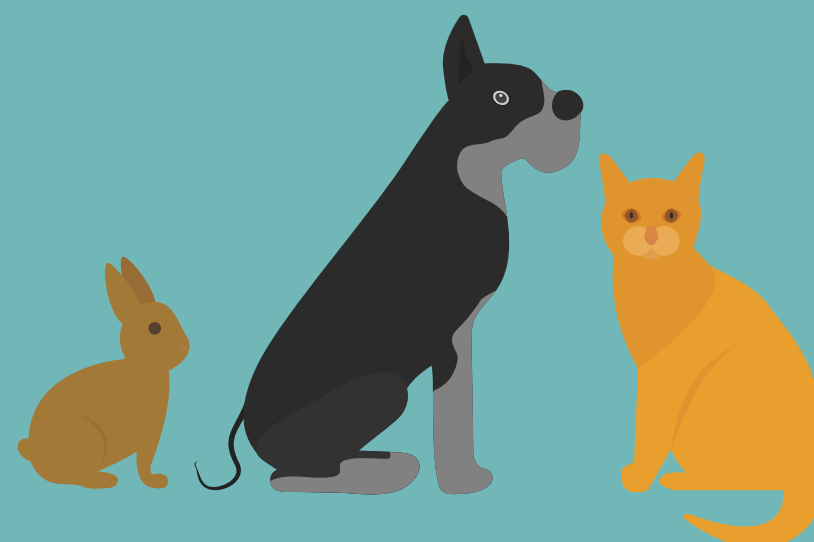
A collaborative approach promotes consistency in treatment plans and common care.



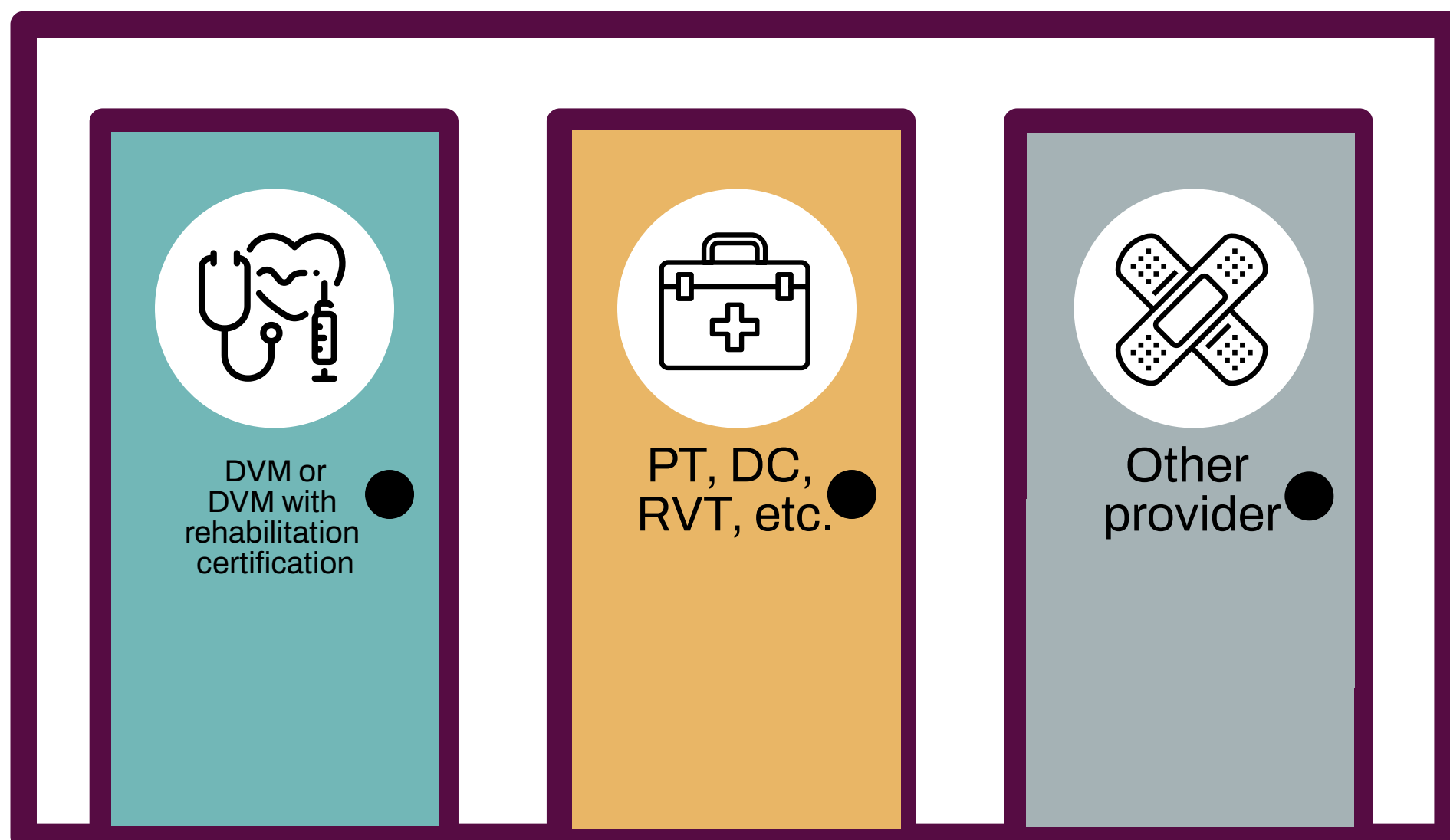
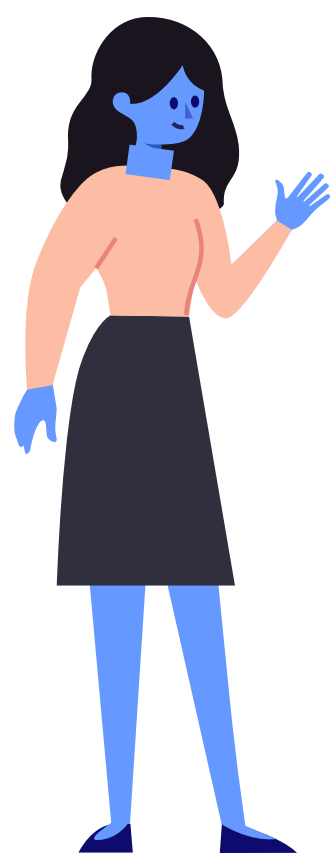
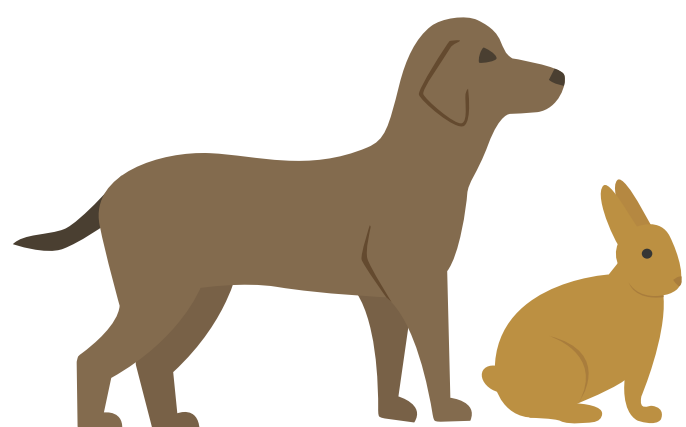
Sharing of medical records

A collaborative approach promotes the sharing of medical records between practices.

Collaboration increases positive animal outcomes!



Choosing physical rehabilitation care for your animal



Veterinarian



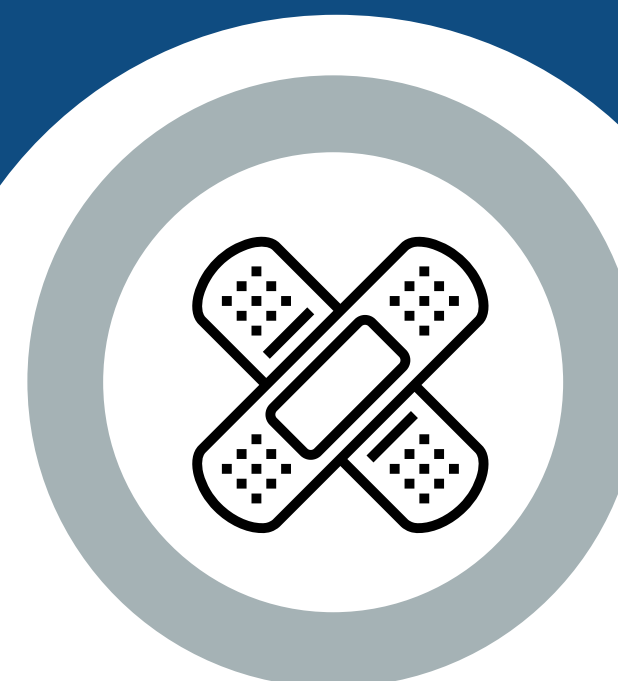
- Full regulatory oversight
- Direct access to all treatment options
- Proof of training and knowledge in veterinary medicine and animal care
- Published standards of practice

Certified animal rehabilitation professional

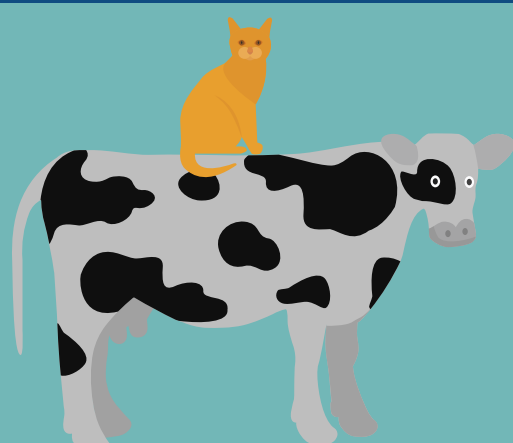


- Profession specific regulatory oversight
- Direct access to animal rehabilitation services
- Proof of training and knowledge in animal rehabilitation
- Profession specific standards of practice

Other public provider



- No regulatory oversight
- Direct access to animal rehabilitation services
- No proof of training or knowledge in animal rehabilitation
- No standards of practice



The public has options when choosing the healthcare that best suits their animal.