



# Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation

*A course offered by the Animal Rehabilitation Association of Canada*

## Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to provide the participant with a fundamental understanding of functional anatomy and palpation, canine behaviour as it relates in a therapeutic setting, and the ability to perform a rudimentary musculoskeletal and neurological assessment of the dog. Participants will be guided to use their existing problem-solving knowledge and understanding of basic physiotherapy principles and treatment techniques when confronted with canine specific conditions and pathologies.

## Learning Objectives:

- Describe clinically relevant anatomical differences between human and canine patients
- Identify key neuromusculoskeletal structures; bones, muscles, nerves ligaments, tendons and cartilages
- Demonstrate the ability to palpate important musculoskeletal structures on live canine subjects
- Recognize normal and abnormal gait patterns within and between breed and canine body types
- Perform a rudimentary neuromusculoskeletal physical examination of a dog (inclusive of extremities and the axial skeleton)
- Identify specific to common canine pathologies and conditions, identify treatment goals and physiotherapy techniques and/or tools to address the treatment goals

## Registration:

**Dates / Times:** To be announced!

**Location:** To be announced

**Instructor:** To be announced

**Course Contact:**

**Local Contact:** Laurie Edge-Hughes [physio@fourleg.com](mailto:physio@fourleg.com)

**Cost:** ARAC member \$1900+GST, non-ARAC member \$2050+ GST  
Animal Rehabilitation – GST/HST # - **106865397 RT0031**

**Registration Deadline:**     **LIMITED ENROLMENT**

**Pre-Requisites:** Registered physiotherapist in Canada (current or retired)

Successful completion of 'Introduction to the Canine Patient' at minimum 3 week prior to course.

**Note:**

This course is a pre-requisite to the 'Advanced Canine Rehab' course. ARAC advocates for completion of the Advanced course prior to entry to practice.

**Payment:** To register please go to: [ARAC.rostertrack.com](http://ARAC.rostertrack.com)

Payment is required at the time of registration to confirm your spot in the course.

For more information, please contact [animalrehabassoccanada@gmail.com](mailto:animalrehabassoccanada@gmail.com)

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