



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: October 16-18, 2026. 8:30am – 5:00pm daily

Location: Niagara Canine Conditioning Centre, 5A-188 Bunting Rd, St Catharines, ON L2M 3Y1

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Cost: ARAC member \$1900+GST, non-ARAC member \$2050+ GST
Animal Rehabilitation – GST/HST # - **789342763RT0001**

Registration Deadline: September 25, 2026 **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

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

For more information, please contact animalrehabassoccanada@gmail.com

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