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Laser Therapy

Why you should consider Companion Laser Therapy for your dogs and cats.

Laser Therapy is an FDA approved modality that has clinical studies and real-world use studies that have proven alleviation of pain and inflammation, reduction of swelling, and stimulating nerve regeneration and cells involved in tissue repair.

How does it work?

The Companion therapy laser system sends photons, or packets of light energy, deep into tissue without damaging it. These photons are absorbed within the mitochondria of the cells and induce a chemical change called "photo-bio-modulation". This light energy then inspires production of ATP in the cell. ATP is the fuel, or energy, cells need for repair and rejuvenation. Impaired or injured cells do not make this fuel at an optimal rate. Increased ATP production leads to healthier cells, healthier tissue, and healthier animals.

What can be treated with laser therapy?

If your pet is feeling pain, has inflammation, or a wound, the laser is a sterile, pain-free, surgery-free, drug-free treatment. The laser is used to treat a variety of injuries, wounds, fractures, neurological conditions, numerous dermatological problems, and pain. Whether your pet is rehabilitating from trauma or injury, healing from wounds, or simply aging and suffers from arthritis, the laser has been shown to provide relief and speed healing.

What's involved with treating my pet?

The laser light is delivered through a non-invasive handpiece to treat the affected area. Your pet will feel a gentle and soothing warmth. As the laser is administered, many pets will relax, much like you would experiencing a good massage. The almost immediate

relief of pain will allow your pet to be comfortable and any anxiety that your pet initially experienced will dissipate.

How long does the treatment take?

The treatment protocols are unique to each patient and condition. An examination of your pet will be required with our veterinarian to determine the best protocol for your pet and condition. Laser treatment are cumulative and one builds upon another. Generally one treats a pet with a series of treatments for the best effect. . . When appropriate, laser therapy can be used as a complementary adjunct to other treatment plans such as use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, weight loss, and or nutraceuticals for example. .

What to expect during a Companion Laser Therapy treatment session for your companion?

Simply put, it provides relief. The fur does not need to be clipped. Eye protection will be worn by the laser operator and anyone in a close proximity to the laser probe. The eyes of the animal will be directed away from the treatment area or covered with a towel or eye wear.

When can I expect to see an improvement? What might I see?

You may see relief in the first treatment as pain and inflammation are reduced. For example: better mobility for joint conditions, drying and healing of dermatological issues, faster healing for wounds and incisions, or your pet just seeming more relaxed and comfortable. For some conditions, a series of treatments may be necessary before you see results due to the severity or complexity of the condition. Help your pet heal with therapy laser. For more information please contact Westbay Animal Hospital at 941.792.3473 to schedule your consultation.

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