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POSITION STATEMENT

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The Newfoundland and Labrador College of Physiotherapists (NLCP) does not recognize the assessment, treatment or care of animals as being within its jurisdiction. The *Physiotherapy Act* defines physiotherapy* as “ ... treatment to sick or disabled persons ... ”.

The role of the NLCP is ensuring the protection of the public by regulating physiotherapists* and setting standards for the practice of physiotherapy as defined in the *Physiotherapy Act*.

The NLCP does not recognise hours spent performing therapy on animals as acceptable for the NLCP practice hours requirement for registration of physiotherapists.

The NLCP does not permit the use of protected terms “physiotherapist, physical therapist, physiotherapy physical therapy“, and related words in relation to animal therapy.

* The terms "physiotherapist, physical therapist, physiotherapeute, PT, pht, Physiotherapy, Physical therapy, Physiotherapie and therapie physique are official marks under Section 9 of the Federal Trademarks Act.