Preventing Shoulder Disorders in Veterinary Practice: Research Project

Vets have high rates of musculoskeletal disorders (MSD), and they can have a big impact on vet’s quality of life, productivity, and career longevity. Although it is often assumed that MSD is related to large animal tasks like rectal exams, there are no known ergonomic assessments or intervention evaluations for this task.

To address this gap, our study will address the following research objectives:
1) Collaborate with Veterinarians in a Stakeholder Advisory Group
2) Determine scope of the issue in Western Canada
3) Assess Vet Tasks using state-of-the-art methods
4) Develop Prevention Strategies
5) Test the Strategies

We invite you to join the stakeholder advisory group: we will meet 1-2/year to refine study goals, give feedback on proposed methods, interpret results, and determine how to disseminate the findings.
We provide lunch at our meetings on the U of S campus and provide a travel/parking stipend. Participation by video or teleconference is also possible.

We also invite you to participate in a survey being sent out with the March WCABP newsletter so that we can better understand the range of vet activities, pain, and prevention strategies currently in use among Canadian vets.

This is an opportunity to tackle industry-relevant issues with an inter-disciplinary team, and we invite you to get involved.

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