

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Veterinary Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation

TALLEBUDGERA COMMUNITY CENTRE
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026



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Manual Therapy Techniques for Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

This course will provide advanced manual technique training suitable for veterinarians, veterinary nurses, and physiotherapists who have completed training in canine rehabilitation.



Thursday 23 July 2026
8:30AM to 5:30PM



\$750 Members
\$850 Non-Members



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*Cost inclusive of transport to/from venue, all food, beverages as well as access to demonstration dogs.

Ellen Martens
DPT CCRT VC MT



8:00AM Transfers from GCCEC to Tallebudgera Community Centre.



8:30AM Workshop commences at Tallebudgera Community Centre

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canine



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Ellen Martens obtained her Master in Physical Therapy in Belgium in 2002. For the next seven years, she worked with both human and animal patients while honing her skills in manual therapy, animal physiotherapy (in the Netherlands), and animal osteopathy. In 2009, Ellen earned her CCRT with CRI. Eventually, Ellen decided to devote her career solely to animal rehabilitation and founded Het Waterhof Animal Rehabilitation Center in 2009 in Velm (Belgium). "Het Waterhof" is a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center with a huge clientele of high end sporting dogs, ortho and neuro cases. She later became certified in veterinary chiropractic.

Ellen's passion for animal rehabilitation led her to become the founder and president of the Belgian Association for Certified Animal Physiotherapists. She teaches canine rehabilitation at the University of Ghent and for Canine Rehabilitation Institute. She also lectures both nationally and internationally.

This practical course will have strong emphasis on the spine, and will focus on advanced joint mobilization techniques of the extremities. Participants will receive hands-on experience with dogs on site.

- Science and research behind manual therapy
- Indications and contraindications for joint mobilization
- Spinal and extremity joint kinematics and biomechanics
- Assessment and treatment of the extremities and spine, repetition of the basics
- Advanced assessment and treatment techniques of the extremities and spine
- Special tests and Body biomechanics

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08:00-08:30	Departure from Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre
08:30-09:30	Lecture
09:30-10:30	Hands-on lab time
10:30-11:00	Morning Tea
11:00-12:00	Lecture
12:00-13:00	Hands-on lab time
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:00	Lecture
15:00-16:00	Hands-on lab time
16:00-16:30	Afternoon Tea
16:30-17:30	Lecture and Q&A