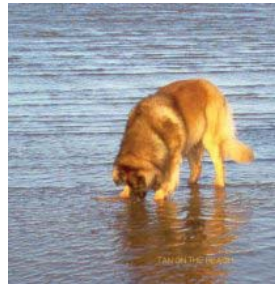


Hydrotherapy Testimonials



Tan



Tan on the beach



Carreg

When Tan our Leonburger, was six month old, he damaged his hip whilst playing with Carreg, our young Newfoundland. He was prescribed rest and anti-inflammatory tablets, but was still lame.

So we enquired about Hydrotherapy and found that this was available at the Natural Animal Centre just north of Carmarthen. Our vet was happy to refer Tan and on arrival Tan was assessed by the resident vet & programme of swimming was devised for him.

The Hydrotherapy pool is at ground level and entering is by shallow steps causes no stress or trauma to the dogs. (At some pools the dogs are hoisted into the water or else access is by steep narrow ramps causing some dogs to panic, especially if they are already injured and in pain.)

At our first visit Tan was very suspicious of Jonathan and the water. Jonathan put on high waders, stood in the pool and encouraged Tan to go in. At no time has force ever been used. After a lot of splashing and Jonathan's waders being filled with water, Tan got the hang of it and began to swim.

After a few weeks we noticed that his muscle tone had developed and the lameness had disappeared. Tan is now 3 years old and is still swimming once a week, at the Hydrotherapy pool, to help keep him fit.

Max has taken over from Jonathan now, with Tan's weekly swim and doesn't need to be in the pool himself (though sometimes it is a near thing when Tan gets over enthusiastic.)

He really enjoys it and happily swims 26 circuits, against the current, every week. He also does a fast two mile road walk nearly every day as well as paddling in the sea.

He continues to be fit and enjoys life at home and in the show ring, where he has had some success. We are very thankful to Jonathan, Max and the other staff for all of their help.

Jenny Davie

Sandie Sharpe