Your focus appears to focus on pets and physical activity. Have you looked into wellness outcomes for regular contact with farm animals? Or with therapy dogs in palliative or therapeutic visits?

What were the biomedical outcomes (i.e., bloodwork)? Some research has shown that even if overweight, people still have decreased risk with increased exercise.
Anonymous  •  01 Oct 02:12PM

How do you address that you can purchase a certification for a service dog on line without really having the dog experience real service dog training?

Comments (1)

Anonymous  •  0 upvotes  •  0 downvotes

To be clear, the dogs in the weight loss study were not service dogs, purely pets. There are national movements to stop the supply of false service dog items- join in! Under the law, people and businesses cannot ask an owner of a service animal what the purpose of the animal is- in this sense we have to know the nationally recognized service dogs registries. Better to focus on supporting these orgs.

Anonymous  •  01 Oct 02:01PM

Why did you choose body weight versus BMI or Lean Body Mass? Might it explain the rise in body weight with walking?

Comments (1)

Anonymous  •  1 upvote  •  0 downvotes

The speakers answer was not accurate. There are studies examining lifespan of service animals for example, that show that service animals life expectancy is actually shorter than your average pet. Cortisol level testing has also been conducted on service or therapy dogs- look for a study out of Virginia Tech veterinary school on this.

Anonymous  •  01 Oct 02:24PM

Perhaps, we should stop sending people to war to avoid PTSD in the first place :)
Dog overweight is much an effect of being overfed. Easy to solve! Right?

Not easy if you consider that many humans over feed their dogs for their own need to nurture/please/feel loved.

You n= seems low - has this been replicated?

Was dog breed taken into account? If so, how?

Can you please share your experience with working with your clients? How rewarding was it to see both progress in the dog and human?

How would this intervention differ without the use of a pedometer? Do you think that had an impact on human behavior? The sense of being monitored.

In the Big Dog study, please comment on the choice of the Lexington Attachment to Pets Scale over other attachment scales.
Anonymous • 01 Oct 01:52PM

To what extent do you feel there is a disconnect between a handler's knowledge of animal behavior and their expectations as a social worker?

Anonymous • 01 Oct 02:09PM

Can you please elaborate more on your plans to do research with leader dogs?

Anonymous • 01 Oct 02:21PM

What is the involvement of the VA?

(Facebook) Sven Hultman • 01 Oct 01:54PM

Overweight in Dogs is much an effect of overfeeding. Easy to solve! Right?

Anonymous • 01 Oct 02:25PM

How is the family of patient involved?