



Debra Canapp, Sherman Canapp and their dog, Miles.

Veterinary Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Group (VOSM)



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The Veterinary Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Group (VOSM) is a veterinary specialty practice limited to orthopedic surgery, sports medicine, and rehabilitation therapy for patients ranging from regional police K-9s and search-and-rescue dogs, to national performance dogs, to local family dogs.

Drs. Sherman and Debra Canapp opened their veterinary practice in 2005, the first of its kind in the U.S. VOSM is based on the human sports-medicine model because they believe in a standard of care no less than that of human patients. Practicing veterinarians for more than a decade, the doctors believe that communication and education are the keys to a successful practice.

VOSM's board-certified veterinary orthopedic surgeons are trained in minimally invasive arthroscopic and fluoroscopic procedures; joint replacement; fracture management; neurosurgery; treatment of congenital orthopedic conditions; treatment of osteoarthritis; sports medicine; and stem cell therapy. A team of adjunct specialists includes an orthotist, prosthetist, anesthesiologist, radiologist, and internist. The rehabilitation group consists of a certified veterinary rehabilitation & acupuncture therapist,

two certified rehabilitation technicians and a certified massage therapist currently training in rehabilitation therapy.

VOSM will open a new 16,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art sports medicine facility this fall just south of Baltimore. The center will include underwater treadmills, a therapy pool, a canine gym with an objective gait-analysis system, and operating rooms based on human hospital designs.

As for the future of VOSM, say the doctors, "We plan to continue to be on the cutting edge of both small animal orthopedic and rehabilitative medicine." VOSM staff are active in performing clinical trials, publishing, teaching, and lecturing nationally and internationally.

The doctors do not just measure their success by their standing in the professional community, however. They understand that often, their patients are not just dogs but beloved family members. Says Dr. Sherman Canapp, "This was exemplified recently when I was asked by a little 5-year-old boy to please help his 'best friend' get better—that turned out to be a 9-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever."