

## Colorado Advances Pet Therapy Bill

**Legislation would allow physical therapists to treat dogs, other animals.**

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A Colorado House of Representatives committee on Feb. 5 approved a bill that would allow licensed physical therapists who aren't veterinarians to perform physical therapy on pets.

The legislation, which is sponsored by Rep. Anne McGihon, is House Bill 1126. Members of the state's House Health and Human Services Committee approved HB 1126 this week after hearing testimony from pet owners, some of whom brought along their pets.

As part of the bill, a therapist would not be able to practice veterinary medicine, just physical therapy on pets.

The measure now moves to the full State House for debate. If it passes, the bill would become a law, effective July 1, 2007.

The full text of the bill is available on the Colorado Legislature website at [http://www.leg.state.co.us/Clics/Clics2007A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/DF72AB6359568F2987257251007B8BC7?Open&file=1126\\_01.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/Clics/Clics2007A/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/DF72AB6359568F2987257251007B8BC7?Open&file=1126_01.pdf)