

# Cost of Physical Therapy for Canines: Facts Versus Fluff

## An Examination of the Efficacy and Cost Efficiency of Physical Therapy

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### Introduction

Canine Physical Therapy is a growing field with ever improving strides. Despite this, some owners find it difficult to justify taking their pets to Physical Therapy as the results are difficult to observe.

By examining how effective different forms of Physical Therapy are on average, alongside their standard costs, owners can be educated on the best course of action for their pet while also comfortably staying within a budget.

### Methodology

Participants who have post-operative physical therapy will be assessed for Range of Motion and Stride Length on a weekly basis. Owners will assess any noticeable changes in their pet's personality such as lethargy or dietary changes. The results will be compared to the cost of therapy, allowing for a calculation of efficacy. Ideally, the pool of participants would be of the same breed, but similar sizes may also be assessed.

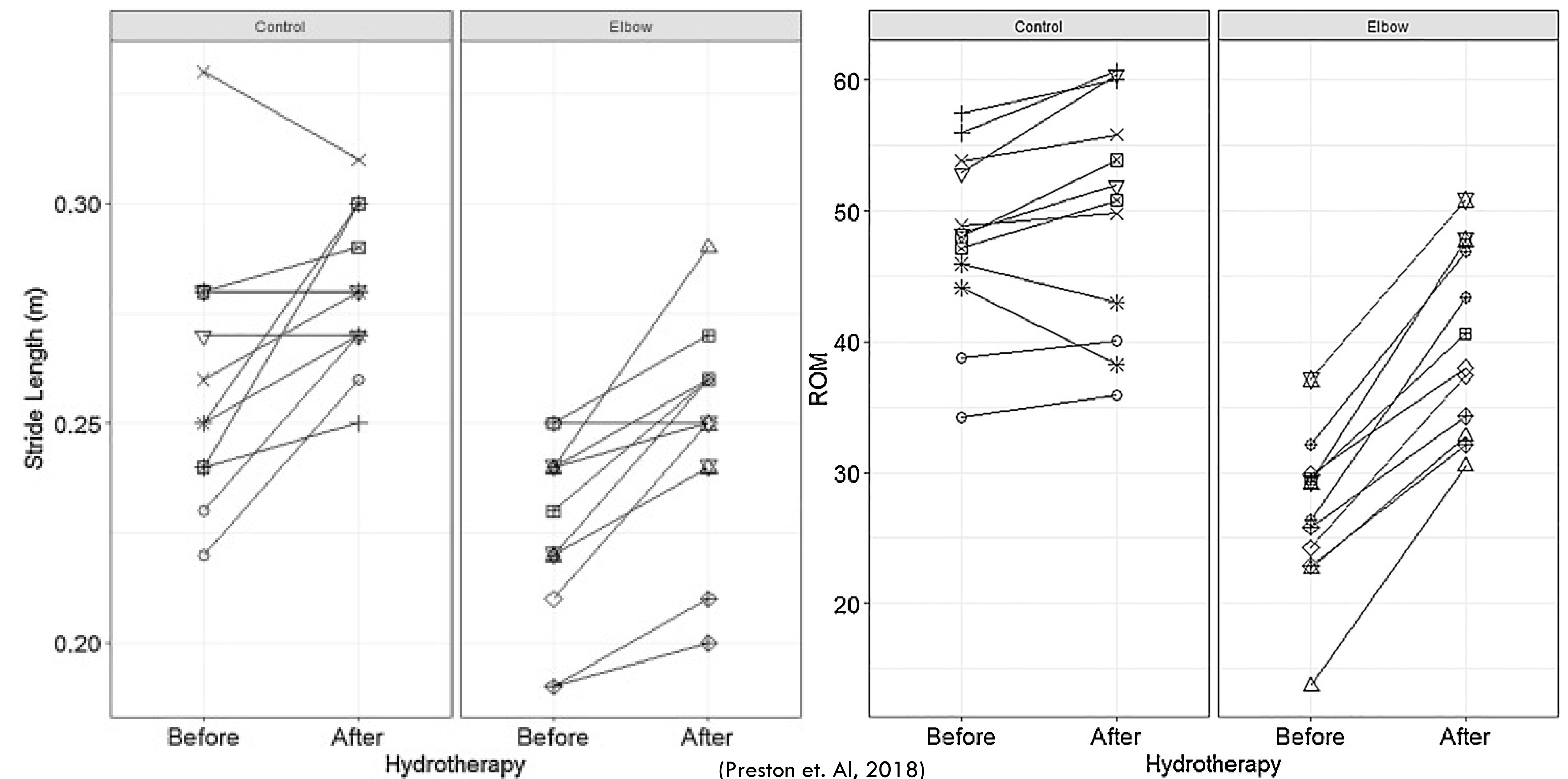
### Anticipated Results

As expected, current research suggests Hydrotherapy and Laser Therapy are particularly effective.

Eventually, a canine's recovery will face diminishing returns; showing less improvement each session.

Determining when such treatment is deemed no longer necessary will be important to budgetary concerns when assessing cost efficiency of different therapies.

This marked improvement is after only a singular session of Hydrotherapy for a canine with hip dysplasia. As the first session will see the most improvement, it establishes the baseline for cost efficiency.



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