



American College of  
Veterinary Sports Medicine  
and Rehabilitation

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**The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation that is recognized by the AVMA does not have any professional affiliation with Sheila Lyons**

The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation releases this announcement in response to recent inquiries regarding Sheila Lyons, an individual veterinarian who has stated in various contexts that she represents an identically named organization.

The American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, a registered Colorado non-profit, is a veterinary specialty organization that was officially recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA") in 2009. Like other AVMA-recognized specialty organizations (e.g., American College of Veterinary Surgeons, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, etc.), the College adopted a name in conformance with AVMA-naming conventions. The College membership consists of highly respected veterinarians from the United States and internationally, which include faculty of the nation's top veterinary schools. The mission of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation is to advance the art and science of veterinary medicine by promoting expertise in the structural, physiological, medical and surgical needs of athletic animals and the restoration of normal form and function after injury or illness. Since its recognition by the AVMA, the College has been educating and accrediting veterinarians in this important and challenging specialty.

Sheila Lyons is an individual veterinarian practicing in or around Massachusetts. According to the New Hampshire Secretary of State, in approximately 1992 she began doing business under the name of a New Hampshire corporation called Homecoming Farm, Inc., which was dissolved in 2001 and then revived in 2004. Under the rubric of Homecoming Farm, Inc., Lyons has been recently ascribing some of her activities to the "American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation."

Sheila Lyons is not a member of and does not in any way represent the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation that is recognized by the AVMA. The College is currently in litigation with Lyons over her use of the name. Any statements she makes should not be attributed to or associated with the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation that is recognized by the AVMA.

Sincerely,

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