

We are please to announce that Dr. Jennifer Gerometta Peacock is now offering acupuncture for our patients. She received her certification from the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) in January 2015. Dr. Gerometta Peacock is the only certified veterinary acupuncturist in the Rio Grande Valley.

Acupuncture is a method of health care with roots to China that has been developed over the last 3000 years. Acupuncture involves the placement of sterile needles into precise locations to stimulate nerve endings in order to create a set of responses in the body by prompting the production of neurochemicals called endorphins by the brain along with the release of hormones including cortisol by the pituitary and other glands, which are part of the body's own defended against pain and inflammation.

Acupuncture was traditionally understood by adjusting the flow of vital energy, or "Qi" in the body. This energy flows through channels called meridians. These meridians and their branches form a network which unites all of the body's organs and functions. In Traditional Chinese Medicine, or TCM, it is thought that disease results as a disruption in the flow of "Qi" throughout the meridians. By stimulating the acupuncture points associated with these disruptions, we can restore balance and resolve the disease.

Animal acupuncture can relieve the symptoms and lessen the discomfort of many canine and feline health problems and rejuvenate their quality of life. Acupuncture is recognized throughout the world as a safe and effective form of medicine. The following is a partial list of animal problems that can be treated with acupuncture therapy.

- Acute Musculoskeletal Inflammation

- Acute or Chronic Back Pain

- Acute or Chronic Neck Pain

- Allergies

- Neurological Disorders

- Incontinence

- Arthritis/ Hip Dysplasia

Before acupuncture therapy can begin, Dr. Gerometta Peacock requires a comprehensive exam in order to make a Chinese diagnosis. This is accomplished through a systematic process of touching, listening and inquiring, along with review of all previous and referral records. From here an acupuncture prescription is chosen. The frequency of treatments and duration of treatment varies between patients as each animal is unique in their disease process.

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about how acupuncture can help your pet.

