

7 Ways Acupuncture Can Benefit Your Pet



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We are proud to announce our very own Dr. Comings is now a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist!

Acupuncture is the process involving placing thin, sterilized needles into specific parts of the body, known as acupuncture points, to stimulate the immune system and relieve pain. This holistic healing practice considers the overall well-being of our pet. Modern variations on acupuncture include using Laser, burning herbs, or injecting sterile fluid at acupuncture points. These techniques are perfect for animals (or their caretakers) that

either do not like needles or are too active to relax for an entire traditional acupuncture session.

Whether used as a standalone therapy or in conjunction with Western medicine, learn more about the benefits of acupuncture for your pet below.

Acupuncture Benefits for Your Pet

1. **Chronic Pain Relief:** Particularly effective for pets dealing with arthritis, musculoskeletal injuries, and neck or back pain.
2. **Cancer Support:** Alleviates symptoms associated with chemotherapy and enhances the overall well-being of pets facing cancer.
3. **Respiratory and Skin Conditions:** Complements Western treatments for issues such as asthma and allergies, providing relief and aiding in symptom management.
4. **Neurological Recovery:** Promotes nerve regeneration and enhances overall neurological function, aiding pets in their recovery from neurological issues such as spinal injury.
5. **Immune System Support:** Stimulates the immune system, making it an effective therapy for pets with compromised immune systems.
6. **Senior Pet Care:** Enhances the quality of life for senior pets, addressing age-related health challenges.
7. **Endocrine Disease:** Can delay or prevent several endocrine diseases if caught early. Acupuncture can also reduce the amount of Western medication needed to control several endocrine diseases including Hyperthyroidism, Hypothyroidism, Cushing's Disease and Diabetes.

[Click here to learn more about our acupuncture services.](#)

If you're interested in exploring this therapeutic option for your furry friend or have any questions about how acupuncture could benefit your pet, please feel free to reach out to our team at (215) 598-9000.

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Dr. Deborah Comings received her B.A. in Biology from Goucher College and her M.S. in Animal Science from the University of Delaware. She then taught college-level biology before graduating from veterinary school at the University of Pennsylvania in 2006. More recently, Dr. Comings became a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist by graduating from Chi University in December 2023.

Dr. Comings was practicing in Bucks County for over 13 years before joining Indian Walk Veterinary Center in 2020. She cares deeply for her patients and loves working with their families. Dr. Comings enjoys combining both Western and Eastern treatments to provide the best individually tailored care for every pet. She also loves challenging medical cases and working with exotic pets. She has a special knack for calming scared rodents and even knows how to hypnotize chickens!

Free time is rare because she has a young son, husband, and two cats. However, she is an avid skier, hiker, video gamer, and world traveler. She loves anything involving the water, especially SCUBA diving.