



WHAT IS animal chiropractic?

Animal chiropractic involves adjustment of joints of the spinal column and extremities that are causing neurological and/or biomechanical problems. It also involves management advice as to what is needed to ensure proper response to chiropractic care, including rehabilitation and therapeutic exercise.

Animal chiropractic evaluation includes a case history consisting of information from the owner, information from prior veterinary analysis, diagnoses and therapies.

Animal chiropractic practice necessitates an examination of the animal patient prior to the adjustment. This examination includes: posture analysis, gait analysis, vertebral and extremity static palpation, vertebral and extremity motion palpation, short leg analysis and orthopedic evaluation.

certification

Certified Animal Chiropractors are licensed Doctors of Chiropractic and/or Veterinary medicine who have passed a 210 hour postgraduate program in animal chiropractic accredited by the Animal Chiropractic Accreditation Commission (ACAC) of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA). A certified animal chiropractor must pass both the written comprehensive and clinical competency examinations offered by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA.

All doctors certified by the AVCA must complete continuing education hours to maintain their certification.

Learn more at www.animalchiropractic.org

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Information from the case history and the examination are combined to determine if chiropractic care is appropriate. A chiropractic adjustment is defined as a gentle, quick and controlled thrust by hand that is directed at specific areas of joint irritation or dysfunction to restore normal joint motion.

Animal chiropractic treatment does not involve surgical procedures, injecting or dispensing of medications nor does it attempt to replace necessary traditional veterinary care.

Animal chiropractic is important in the maintenance of joint health and preventing injury. It is not a treatment limited to animals that are already stiff and sore. Animals cannot tell us when they have small aches and pains. They carry on by modifying their gait, behaviour and activities to compensate for their discomfort. These changes may go unnoticed for some time until obvious signals such as stiffness, limping, avoiding stairs or yelping occur. During an assessment, a trained Animal Chiropractor can detect these small changes then subsequently provide treatment, restoring normal joint motion and preventing further injury.

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Chiropractic adjustments have proven invaluable in alleviating back and neck pain in horses.

WHY animal chiropractic?

Chiropractic care is appropriate in the treatment of:

- Neck, back, leg and tail pain
- Muscle spasms
- Limping
- Disc, joint and nerve problems
- Injuries from slips, falls or accidents
- Jaw / TMJ problems or difficulty chewing
- Event or sports injuries
- Post-surgical care
- Bowel and bladder disorders
- Maintenance of joint and spinal health for animals of all ages
- Attaining optimum performance in sport and working animals

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HAS your pet:

- Had problems getting up and down?
- Competed in athletic events?
- Been anesthetized for surgery?
- Experienced any reoccurring conditions such as vomiting, respiratory or urinary issues, diarrhea or constipation?
- Had neurological problems?
- Gone longer than a year without a chiropractic evaluation?
- Had behavioral or mood changes?

If you answered **YES** to even **ONE** of these questions, then chiropractic may help your pet.

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