

The oyal Treatment Veterinary Center

Summary of Services

Acupuncture

Acupuncture is an ancient Chinese medical technique used for over 3,000 years in China, Japan and Korea. Needles are placed in designated points to effect various changes in the body to decrease pain, help heal injuries or disease conditions, stimulate or regulate immune responses, and/or decrease anxiety or behavioral issues. During her career, Dr. Royal has treated dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, camels, a zebra, and an elephant with acupuncture!

Acupuncture has been shown to increase blood and lymphatic flow to tissues, stimulate nerve function, increase the release of neurotransmitters and pain modulators, influence inflammatory responses and help the release hormones. It can be used in a variety of conditions.

Cold Laser Light Therapy

This modality is well documented to help decrease pain and inflammation at local sites, increase healing of injuries, incisions and wounds. It usually takes only a few seconds for each treatment (up to 2 minutes), and is extremely well-tolerated by animals. There is no heat or pain associated with this treatment and very few side effects have been found.

Beginning November 2015, The Royal Treatment introduced our new Multiwave Locked System (MLS) laser. This new Class IV laser allows us to deliver greater anti-inflammatory and analgesic relief for acute and chronic pain for our patients.

Geriatric & Chronic Care

Old age is not a disease, but there are many special considerations in maintaining a geriatric pet or a pet with a chronic disease. We address the logistics of managing these pets at home, nutritional needs, special clothing, harnesses, supports, foot protection, temperature control, prescription medications, therapy plan, home exercises, and many more details that individual pets require.

Chronic care balances the capability and special needs of the pet with the abilities and resources of the owner. This is usually a work-in-progress-type relationship that rewards the diligence and attention to detail we strive to provide.

Massage Therapy

Animals benefit from massage very much like people do. Our massage therapists work with different techniques to do both gentle and deep tissue massage. The massages can be invaluable to the healing process. Massage increases circulation to problem areas, stretches muscles that are poorly or improperly used due to injury or disease, and sometimes just helps a spasming muscle to finally relax.

There are many techniques that can be tailored to each animal for maximum benefit. Complete massages done by our massage specialists can be not only relaxing for pets, but highly therapeutic. Owners can be shown simple techniques to do at home as well.

Nutrition

Particularly in light of the recent food recalls, owners and veterinarians are acutely aware of how reliant we are on the integrity of our pet foods. This is critical to animal health.

There are good options available for your pet's needs. Each animal is carefully examined for special needs and diets are assessed.

We counsel clients on appropriate diets for animals with weight problems (under or overweight), allergic conditions, chronic problems, systemic illnesses are carefully discussed. Comprehensive programs for weight control (decreasing bulk/increasing muscle mass/improving cardiovascular health) are carefully planned to meet each animal's needs.

Primary Veterinary Care

The Royal Treatment Veterinary Center is equipped to provide primary veterinary care to animals throughout their lives. We employ Western medical practices where appropriate and have a full in-house laboratory and digital radiography machine.

Animals are individually assessed for any health, nutrition, mobility or behavioral issues. When an animal comes under our care, our comprehensive approach can decrease pain, increase mobility, invigorate health, and improve energy. Owners can regularly consult with us about the care of any age pet with any condition.

We rely on our professional expertise, extensive experience, empathetic and enthusiastic practitioners to define the best treatment for the patient and the owner to follow.

Supplementation

Prescriptions for Chinese and western herbs, supplements, vitamins, homeopathics and nutraceuticals are recommended as needed. These are carefully formulated to be used safely with regular medicines and diet for a complete health program. It is important to stress the importance of our comprehensive evaluation of medications and herbal or natural remedies or supplements to reduce the risk of contraindications or improper combinations of these substances. Natural supplements or herbal remedies can still effect strong physiologic changes and medicines can interact with them. We strive to maximize the effectiveness of all components with as much synergy as possible.

Underwater Treadmill Therapy

The underwater treadmill successfully treats many musculoskeletal conditions. It provides safe, controlled environment for gait analysis, exercise, stretching, muscle building, and neuromuscular stimulation. The buoyancy and lift decreases the concussive forces of gravity on painful joints allowing them to function more naturally, with more flexibility and mobility. As muscles and tendons relax into the water, they allow the mobility of the animal to improve. Muscle mass increases with use, and with increased movement, joints become properly bathed in the healing and nutritive joint fluid. Arthritic joints can even begin to remodel and allow for less restricted movement. Animals using the treadmill for a variety of conditions begin to ambulate better, increase their strength, endurance and flexibility.

Veterinary Rehabilitation

In humans, physical therapy is widely used to help people recover from trauma, surgeries, illnesses, arthritis, obesity and other problems. We use similar techniques to help animals recover from many of the same conditions.

There are a number of therapies that can be used. The underwater treadmill is one method. We also can use or recommend therapeutic exercises, agility techniques, therapand limb work, exercise balls, proprioception equipment, or therapeutic clothing. We work with the animal and the owner to design a program that will work best for them.