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## 獸 馬 Acupuncture

Acupuncture is a method of health care with roots in ancient China. Its techniques have been developed and refined through a least 3000 years of continuous use. Acupuncture today is recognized throughout the world as a safe and effective form of medicine which requires extensive training for its proper practice.

Science has learned much about how and why acupuncture works. Research has proven the effectiveness of acupuncture in the treatment of many equine diseases. We know that acupuncture points can be located by measuring the electrical potential of the skin. We know needling non-acupuncture points does not produce the healing effects of acupuncture. The meridians are generally found along the courses of nerve and blood vessels, and the acupuncture points are associated with certain types of nerve endings.

The stimulation of nerve endings by the needles creates a set of responses in the body which are unique to acupuncture. Acupuncture prompts the production of neurochemicals called endorphins by the brain, and the release of hormones including cortisol by the pituitary and other glands. These substances are part of the body's own defenses against pain and inflammation.

Tradition states that acupuncture works by adjusting the flow of vital energy in the body. The energy, called "Qi" (pronounced "chee") flows through channels called meridians, and it is on these 14 meridians that the 365+ acupuncture points are located. The meridians and their branches form a network which unites and relates all of the body's organs and functions. Disease is seen as a disruption in the movement of Qi. By stimulating the acupuncture points that are in or associated with the affected areas or functions, we can restore balance and resolve the disease.

In our practice we have been fortunate to have acupuncture help with photo sensitivity of the nose, performance issues, back problems, chronic arthritis, anhydrosis (inability to sweat), supporting chronic or acute musculoskeletal problems...the list goes on. The results have been exciting and rewarding.

If you want to know if acupuncture can be beneficial for your situation, call the office at 540-554-2004 or email us at [give2bute@aol.com](mailto:give2bute@aol.com).