EXOTICS
2-DAY WORKSHOP

Two-day onsite course on exotic animal care with PRIMA™
- Acupuncture
- Photomedicine
- Massage
- Botanical (limited)
- Rehabilitation

Online course prep will take you through tutorials to refresh your anatomy and clinical knowledge on medical acupuncture and related techniques, as well as the pros and cons of botanicals.

SEE WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND COURSE FEES
Presented and directed by Narda G. Robinson, DO, DVM, MS, FAAMA
Co-taught with Jolynn Chappell, DVM, cVMA and Mischa Fincher, DVM, cVMA
Why learn PRIMA™? The Pain, Rehabilitation, and Integrative Medicine Advantage™ system of care, designed by CuraCore® VET, multiplies the healing options for small exotic animals (including avian species).

PRIMA™ practitioners draw from a multidisciplinary approach. This optimizes flexibility and adaptability to species, clinical condition, chronicity, and comorbidities. PRIMA™ interweaves medical acupuncture, medical massage, photomedicine (laser and LEDs), botanical medicine (albeit, carefully chosen), and integrative rehabilitation when and where appropriate. Certainly, preventative medical care through proper husbandry is vital. Beyond that, however, medications and surgery pose safety risks that may jeopardize the life and well-being of a small exotic animal. PRIMA™, instituted as first-line care and maintained throughout the recovery process, strengthens and encourages physiologic resilience. It fosters healing through well-tolerated, low-stress, and homeostasis-restoring influences.

Goal for this course:
• Minimize stress and maximize clinical outcomes through the judicious and rational inclusion of medical acupuncture, medical massage, photomedicine, botanicals, and integrative rehabilitation for small exotic animals. Species considered include reptiles, birds, rabbits, ferrets, and more.

Objectives:
• Review proper handling principles, PRIMA™ techniques, and exotic animal husbandry practices.
• Locate the “big points” of medical acupuncture for various species and their relevant anatomy.
• Gain confidence in pursuing a multimodal PRIMA™ protocol for a variety of problems commonly encountered in a small exotics / avian practice. These include issues with anorexia, digestion, pain, arthritis, back problems and spinal cord injury, skin disorders, feather-picking, immune system disorders, vestibular disease, upper respiratory problems, peripheral nerve injury, head trauma, and more.

Course content and access
Each participant must complete the 8 hours of online coursework prior to attending the 2-day workshop. Participants gain access to the online materials following enrollment. All modules can be completed at your own pace. Each module may contain videos, reading assignments, and homework. There is no required text. All recommended course materials will be available online or provided in person.

Continuing education credits
This course is NYSED approved and awaiting RACE approval. Please contact your state’s licensing agency or comparable regulatory board (if you practice outside of the United States) in order to determine whether this course qualifies for 22 continuing education credits. Those who satisfy all the requirements of the program will receive a certificate of completion.
Online preparation in Exotic Animal Acupuncture:

The online coursework reviews the basics of safe handling practice, small exotics / avian anatomy, acupuncture point locations, and clinical research. We require completion of the online program prior to the on-site event. This ensures that all participants in the hands-on workshop have sufficient working knowledge of the species in order to be appropriately prepared to work safely.

2-day onsite workshop August 6, 2020

9:00a-10:15a: Introduction to faculty and their PRIMA™ exotics practices.
10:15a-10:30a: Break
10:30a-11:15a: Lecture - PRIMA™ approach to birds. - Jolynn Chappell
11:15a-12:00p: Lab - Avian anatomy and hands-on avian acupuncture practice.
12:00p-1:00p: Lunch
1:00p-1:45p: Lecture - PRIMA™ approach to small mammals. - Mischa Fincher
1:45p - 2:30p: Lab - Hands-on with small mammals.
2:30p-2:45p: Break
2:45p-4:15p: Treatment demonstrations with exotic feline volunteers.
4:20p - 5:00p: Wrap up and review; unexpected revelations.

2-day onsite workshop August 7, 2020

9:00a-10:15a: Anatomy review, handling tips, husbandry horrors and how to fix them.
10:15a-10:30a: Break
10:30a-11:15a: Lecture - PRIMA™ approach to reptiles. - Jolynn Chappell
11:15a-12:00p: Lab - Hands-on with reptiles.
12:00p-1:00p: Lunch
1:00p-1:45p: Lecture - PRIMA™ approach to rabbits. - Jolynn Chappell
1:45p-2:30p: Lab - Hands-on with rabbits.
2:30p-2:45p: Break
2:45p-4:15p: Treatment practice on exotic volunteers by students in small groups.
4:20p-5:00p: Wrap up and review: how this changes your practice moving forward.
ADD EXOTICS TO YOUR PRACTICE
REGISTER AND BEGIN LEARNING TODAY.
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Be the first exotic animal PRIMA™ provider in your practice area.

Make your mark by improving standards and outcomes with rational, science-based, integrative medical care.

Narda G. Robinson, DO, DVM, MS, FAAMA

Dr. Robinson is a leading authority on scientific integrative medicine from a One Health perspective, with over two decades of practicing, teaching, and writing about integrative medical approaches in both veterinary and human osteopathic medicine.

In 1998, Dr. Robinson launched Colorado State University’s first integrative medicine service and for eight years directed CSU’s Center for Comparative and Integrative Pain Medicine. Dr. Robinson has taught a variety of popular, scientifically based continuing education courses, ranging from medical acupuncture and massage to botanicals and photomedicine.

Dr. Robinson holds a Bachelor of Arts (AB) degree from Harvard/Radcliffe, a doctorate in osteopathic medicine (DO) from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a doctorate in veterinary medicine (DVM) and master’s degree in biomedical sciences (MS) from the Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. She is a fellow within the American Academy of Medical Acupuncture (AAMA). She also serves on the American Board of Medical Acupuncture, the board-certifying organization for physician medical acupuncturists, and the AAMA Board of Directors.

Jolynn Chappell, DVM, cVMA

Dr. Chappell graduated from CSU in 1991 and after working at a small animal hospital for almost 2 years, opened Aspenwing Animal Hospital in 1994. She has a strong interest in avian and exotic companion animals and has a wonderful reputation for providing service to Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado for these unique pets.

Dr. Chappell is certified in Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians and has been a member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians since 1989, is a member of the Association of Reptilian and Amphibian Veterinarians, the Association of Exotic Mammal Veterinarians, Larimer County Veterinary Medical Association and American Medical Veterinary Association.

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