Myofascial Relationships of Acupuncture Points in the Dog

I highly recommend this class. With its unique components of reviewing the muscle attachments and actions, placing the clay muscles, and then palpating on live dogs, the concepts are really cemented into my mind.

I wish I had this course years ago!

Jolynn Chappell, DVM, CVMA
YOU’RE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE POINTS. NOW LET’S DELVE INTO THEIR ANATOMY.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The kinesthetic experience of sculpting muscles from clay and applying them to the canine skeleton makes anatomy “come alive”. Sensorimotor awareness of where structures live and what they do typically transforms one’s ability to perform astute myofascial palpation and to derive meaningful insights.

This course focuses on the myofascial relationships of acupuncture points on the dog. You will build clay models of deep and superficial muscles and then identify acupuncture point locations. We examine structure-function connections, linking anatomical features of acupuncture points with indications and actions.

COURSE SPECIFICS

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Format: The course comprises four 7-hour sections completed entirely online. It includes video recordings and video upload assessments of your work. You may register for any of the sections listed below separately or save by bundling the four-part series.

Eligibility: Veterinarians, veterinary students, physical therapists, and veterinary technicians interested in the anatomical basis of acupuncture. Veterinarians and veterinary students who seek to become acupuncture certified should enroll in the Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians program.

Required: Computer, Internet access, recording device (smart phone, tablet, webcam, or other), canine skeletal model and sculpting supplies (purchased separately and in addition to the course registration - we will provide details on suggested options), notes (provided in the online modules).

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Section I: Head and Neck (7 hours)

- Describe issues pertaining to safety of point activation with needling, laser, and electrical stimulation.
- Denote areas of the head and neck that have an increased risk of injury from deep needling, especially around the eye, open fontanelles, and foramen magnum.
- List significant myofascial structures responsible for pain due to temporomandibular dysfunction, trigger point pathology, ocular problems, and spinal pathology of the neck.
- Demonstrate myofascial palpation on a live dog or cat.
Section II: Trunk (Thorax, Abdomen, Back) (7 Hours)
- Identify the locations and myofascial relationships of points on the thorax, abdomen and back with clay and pins.
- Denote areas of the trunk that have an increased risk of injury from deep needling, especially over the lungs, heart, and abdomen, depending on the size and species of the veterinary patient.
- Describe how and where back pain manifests in the myofascia, and how one would approach these sites with acupuncture in terms of depth and modality.
- Demonstrate myofascial palpation on a live dog or cat.

Section III: Pelvis and Tail (7 Hours)
- Identify the locations and myofascial relationships of points on the pelvis and tail with clay and pins.
- Discuss how acupuncture points and the structures associated with them help build protocols for lumbosacral pain and dysfunction, cauda equina lesions, voiding dysfunction, reproductive issues, hip pain, sciatic nerve compression or injury, and tail malfunction.
- Demonstrate myofascial palpation on a live dog or cat.

Section IV: Thoracic and Pelvic Limbs (7 Hours)
- Identify the locations and myofascial relationships of points on the thoracic and pelvic limbs with clay and pins.
- Describe the clinical significance of myofascial interrelationships insofar as local, regional, and compensatory strain patterns and myofascial dysfunction.
- Demonstrate myofascial palpation on a live dog or cat.
ANATOMY FORMS THE BASIS OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.
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Narda G. Robinson, DO, DVM, MS, CRPM, 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. Over the past two decades, Dr. Robinson has taught a variety of popular, scientifically based continuing education courses, ranging from medical acupuncture and massage to botanical 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.

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