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Association of Veterinary Acupuncturists of Canada
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AVAC Continuing Education Schedule for Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2020 with Dr. Michelle Tilghman, DVM, CVA, CCRP

7.5 hours IVAS CE Credits Approved

Friday lecture 1 hour

- Prerecorded lecture release (1 hour) at 4:00pm with live Q&A at 5:00-6pm (Eastern Time) (and a social hour to follow for those who want to catch up with colleagues)

The muscle and fascial channels for the Canine

Objective: To review the muscle and fascial channels with the emphasis on the commonly seen canine lameness. The lameness to be covered are hip dysplasia, luxating patella' and cranial cruciate injuries.

Saturday lecture 3 hours

- Annual General Meeting 11:10-11:50am (Eastern Time)
- Prerecorded lecture release (3 hours) at 12 noon, with live Q&A 3-4pm

Objectives:

Acupuncture is a very important modality in the physical therapy toolbox. Acupuncture and physical therapy lectures will cover

1. Pain- what pain looks like. How Acupuncture and Physical therapy can alleviate chronic pain
2. Mobility – The different Physical therapy exercises that can increase mobility in the common canine lameness.
3. Trigger points- Trigger points can be a hidden source of pain and lameness. A review of the lameness and the common muscles for trigger points. The acupuncture and physical therapy treatments that treat them.

Sunday 2 hours

- Prerecorded lecture release (2 hours) at 9am (EST), with live Q&A 11am-12pm
1. Acupuncture for Neurological Disorders and Diseases – 1 hour
Objective: Using three brief case studies, this lecture will present and illustrate the integrated TCVM and Western diagnostic process for neurological disorders that initially present as intervertebral disc disease (IVDD). In all three cases, a TCVM diagnosis was established and the patient was treated with a combination of acupuncture and aquapuncture, herbal medicine, spinal adjustment, massage, hydrotherapy – all as a complement to Western veterinary protocols. In each case, the patient either did not respond or responded atypically to the first three treatments, prompting further diagnostic imaging. This lecture will follow treatment of all three patients for different neurological disorders.
 2. Clinical Study of Acupuncture for Transitional Cell Carcinoma – 1 hour

Objective: Transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) is a common cancer in the canine. This is a case study of five cases of TCC, that have been treated with TCVM and Western medicine. The goal of the treatment is to increase survival and extend quality of life. Most of the cases have been tracked with diagnostics and ultrasound. As of this writing four of the patients are alive and well and one is deceased. Case elements discussed will include diagnosis method, medical, acupuncture, and TCVM/herbal interventions, protocols used, and dietary changes.

- Lectures and recording of Q&A sessions will remain available for 3 months.
- Spring 2021: hands-on lab weekend TBA

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