

Acupuncture for Dogs

Like humans, dogs sometimes suffer with pain and inflammation, and relief for your dog doesn't have to be limited to conventional treatment options. Acupuncture, the process of stimulating certain points on the body by inserting needles, has been shown in studies to enhance blood circulation, release toxins, relax muscles, and relieve pain. Veterinary acupuncture, a component of traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM) treatments, can complement traditional medicine at any stage of your dog's life. It's often used preventatively, but can also provide relief during a range of illnesses and conditions such as arthritis, asthma, gastrointestinal distress, skin problems, and traumatic nerve injuries.

To know if acupuncture is right for your dog, always consult with a veterinarian trained in TCVM. Learn more at ivas.org, the website of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society.