

ACUPUNCTURE

PET CARE SHEET

What is Acupuncture?

Acupuncture is a technique where specific needles are inserted into specific points on the body to produce a healing response, such as relieving pain and other therapeutic purposes. Acupuncture originated from China and now is used in conjunction with Western medicine. Scientific research has made enormous progress over the past 40 years and now explains some of acupuncture's actions. Early research focused mainly on pain and the release of pain-killing chemicals from the brain in response to acupuncture. However, further investigations have revealed more widespread effects involving neuro-hormones and the autonomic (involuntary) nervous system.

Which species can benefit from acupuncture?

Acupuncture is widely used in dogs and cats, but can be beneficial in birds and rabbits too.

For Which conditions can Acupuncture be used?

- Back pain
- Arthritis
- Hip dysplasia
- Muscle and ligament injury
- Paralysis/Paresis
- Chronic skin conditions (specially lick granuloma)
- Urinary and faecal incontinence
- Gastrointestinal problems

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