

Animals often suffer from the same ailments people do but sometimes have a harder time showing us that they hurt. Our pets can suffer from disc herniations, back and neck pain, hip and shoulder dysfunction, and even jaw pain. If your pet has trouble getting up and down the stairs, trouble rising, limps, drops food, or yelps when being picked up, chiropractic care can help. Other signs to watch out for include changes in personality, decreased performance, stiffness, side sitting, muscle spasms, or simply them “not being themselves.”

Chiropractic care is holistic in nature and looks at full-body wellness. If the body is functioning properly, it is better able to cope with all kinds of internal and external stressors. It increases the effectiveness of the immune system, improves nervous system input which affects everything from muscle tone to joint health. It helps prevent degeneration of dysfunctional joints and improves circulation leading to increased healing to problem areas.

Chiropractic care is essential for pets of all ages and abilities, whether they are an accomplished athlete or a couch potato. Preventative care is a fundamental element in creating a long-lasting and better quality of life for your pet. Because it is so important, we try to make our care as affordable as possible and as available as possible. The investment in your pet’s health is such a gift that you can give them.

Animal chiropractic is safe and effective for animals and like people, your pets understand the healing power of the human touch and its ability to eliminate the aches and pains they’ve picked up through their lives. A gentle and effective approach will ensure that your pet is calm and at ease while the treatment is given. Dr. Broadhurst works with your veterinarian to offer your animal the best care possible. The care we give is backed by the highest quality in board certified animal chiropractic education and up-to-date research to ensure your animal gets the best care available.

Healthy dogs are happy dogs! Get your favorite friend back with chiropractic care. We will improve how your dog moves and how their body functions. Our goal is to help prevent future injuries and help your pet recover from any existing ones with the best care possible. Benjamin Franklin said it best: “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Treating problems early will help decrease the possibility of spending more time, energy and money down the road.

In an effort to make care as convenient and accessible as possible, we can travel to your home. This allows you to choose the best time and place that works best for you; saving you time and your sanity.

Check out our testimonials page to see what our clients are saying about animal chiropractic care with Dr. Michele Broadhurst!

FAQs

What is an Adjustment?

Joints are assessed for proper movement and alignment. If the joint is found to be dysfunctional or not moving properly, an adjustment is rendered to the area. This is a quick thrust in a specific direction that frees up the joint allowing the joint to move and nervous system input (via joint receptors) to function properly. Chiropractic adjustments restore proper motion to the joints, improve nervous system input and release endorphins. Some pets sleep after treatment and some pets have increased energy. Every pet is unique and often has their own reaction to care.

Does it hurt for my dog to get adjusted?

Not at all. We try to be very gentle so that your pet is as comfortable as possible. Depending on how much pain your dog is in, some adjustments can be a bit tender, but we focus on gentle techniques to alleviate as much discomfort as possible.

What does an adjustment do?

When we evaluate your pet, we are looking for joints that are not moving properly, inadequate nerve supply to an area, abnormal overall body alignment, tight and tender muscles, and poor biomechanics or movement. We then adjust the joint to return full range of motion. This can reduce pain, improve nerve function, reduce muscle tightness and reduce further wear and tear on the joints. Chiropractic care is whole body in nature in that by keeping the spine moving properly, we can help improve overall wellbeing.

How long does an adjustment last?

Treatment times usually range from 20-30 minutes depending on the dog and how many adjustments are needed.

What should I do after an adjustment?

When your dog gets adjusted, their parasympathetic nervous system is activated. This causes a rest and recover response. As a result, your pet may be very sleepy after their treatment. It is important to give them time to rest with access to plenty of water for 24 hours after their adjustment. It is not recommended that they go to the dog park or perform in any strenuous activities for that 24-hour period. Light walks are fine, or Dr Broadhurst will give you specific instructions if necessary.

How many treatments does it take?

It depends on the injury and how long it has been since their last treatment. The good news is that dogs respond incredibly quickly to chiropractic care. Typically for an acute injury, 4-5 treatments are needed, chronic injuries or post-surgical are patient dependent. Once a dog is recovered, many owners choose to do maintenance treatments about once per month or once per quarter to keep them feeling as happy and healthy as possible.