ALTERNATIVE VETERINARY THERAPY

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Special Interest in Complementary & Alternative Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Wanda Vockeroth graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1982. She worked in private practice in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba for several years. In 1994, she became the owner of the Elbow Valley Pet Hospital (now known as Marda Loop Veterinary Centre). Since that time, the practice has taken on Dr. Laura Romano as a partner, and has become a fully integrated conventional and complementary practice. Dr. Vockeroth has also pursued further training in acupuncture, homeopathy, Chinese and western herbology, nutrition and veterinary osteopathy.
Who should consider alternative veterinary therapies?

If you prefer a more natural, holistic approach to well being, you should consider alternative medicine for your pet’s health care. At Marda Loop Veterinary Centre, we have the advantage of being able to provide alternative veterinary therapies alongside conventional medicine. Our goal is to work with you to provide the most appropriate care for your pet. We develop specific programs that can combine conventional and alternative methods based on your pet’s specific needs.

**Traditonal Chinese Medicine (TCM)**

TCM or Oriental medicine focuses on the internal nature of the body rather than on external symptoms. Your pet’s vital force or energy source is cared for through correcting imbalances in the body, using acupuncture, Chinese herbs and nutritional therapy.

**Acupuncture**

One of the primary modalities of Chinese medicine, acupuncture employs fine needles to stimulate points of energy in the body, in order to rebalance the system and alleviate painful conditions.

**Chinese Herbal Therapy**

Chinese herbs are ancient remedies prepared using specific formulas which combine plant, mineral, or animal products. Our doctor chooses formulas based on specific imbalances or illnesses in your pet’s body.

**Homeopathy**

A therapy based on specifically prepared natural substances that can be capable of curing the same symptoms they can cause. Homeopathic remedies are chosen to treat the whole body system (physical, mental and emotional). Our doctor performs a complete exam, obtains a detailed history and then selects a homeopathic remedy for your pet’s problem. She then works closely with you with followup to determine the effectiveness of the remedies.

**Bach Flowers**

Flower essences that are prepared from the flowers of specific plants which can help to deal with physical, mental and emotional issues in pets. These are often given as an adjunctive therapy along with other treatments.

**Nutritional Counselling**

Home-made and commercial natural diets for both healthy animals and animals with specific health problems such as diabetes, obesity, heart problems and allergies.
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