

Dog Chiropractic Care

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Chiropractic is a therapy that is based on the belief that disease results from abnormal nerve function, which can be treated through the manipulation and adjustment of body structures such as the spinal column. Chiropractors carefully manipulate vertebrae to restore correct body alignment, which is believed to improve nerve function through the spinal column. Chiropractic can be used for various reasons from easing the pain of spinal arthritis (spondylosis) to giving athletic dogs an edge by helping to keep their bodies tuned. Although little research has been done on the benefits of veterinary chiropractic, clinical and anecdotal evidence suggests that it can be beneficial. For some dogs, the benefits of chiropractic are immediate and visible.

Ideally, chiropractic is performed by licensed veterinarians. If a veterinarian skilled in chiropractic is unavailable, look for a licensed chiropractor who works with a veterinarian or is educated in veterinary chiropractic. The chiropractor should have earned a DC (doctor of chiropractic) or be certified through the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

Next step: Herbal Medicine

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