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Creating a 21st century integrative acupuncture practice based on 35 years of practice, research and academic experience: From neuroscience to quantum physics

This paper offers my perspective based on 35 years of veterinary acupuncture and integrative medicine practice, research and academia on how we can co-create healthier, happier veterinary acupuncture practices in the 21st century and thereby be part of creating a healthier, happier world. This lecture integrates the latest in the scientific basis and TCM veterinary acupuncture, mind/body medicine, neuroscience and quantum physics to create a new vision for veterinary acupuncture and integrative medicine practice for the 21st century. A brief review of the history of veterinary acupuncture in the west and how acupuncture has evolved since its introduction to the western world in the 1970's is included for a historical perspective on its evolution. In order to create the most progressive, innovative, beneficial integrative veterinary practices, it is essential that we integrate the latest in neuroscience, mind/body medicine, and quantum physics along with TCM to offer a new world view on how to be of benefit to all beings through our veterinary care. The practical application of these approaches will be discussed.

Biography

Schoen is one of the pioneers in veterinary acupuncture and natural therapies, developing and practicing them since 1981. He has been acknowledged worldwide for introducing the concept of an integrative approach to veterinary medicine, bridging the gap between conventional and alternative medicine. With over 40 years of clinical experience, teaching and research, he has developed his own unique integrative approach to animal health care. He received his DVM from Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 1978, and also holds a Masters Degree in Neurophysiology and Animal Behavior from the University of Illinois. He was certified in Veterinary Acupuncture in 1982 and is a past president of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society and was one of the first veterinarians certified by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association. In addition, he has advanced training in botanical medicine and homeopathy, and the best of all these therapies are incorporated into his practice. He has worked to bring the best of complementary therapies into mainstream acceptance. He started the Department of Acupuncture at The Animal Medical Center in NYC (the largest animal hospital in the world) in 1982. He has taught and lectured at veterinary schools and conferences nationally and internationally. He has been a Clinical Assistant Professor at both Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine as well as Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1996, he was appointed to a six-member committee by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to develop guidelines for Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine (CAVM).

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