

## **Alternative Veterinary Medicine Continues to Grow**

*Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center of New England (VESCONE) Adds Acupuncture to Its List of Specialties*

**Nov. 13, 2008** - [PRLog](#) -- WALTHAM, Mass – Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center of New England (VESCONE), a state-of-the-art, 24-hour emergency and referral hospital, announces the addition of acupuncture and oriental medicine to its list of specialties.

Donna Blasko, DVM is board-certified by the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine and licensed by the Board of Registration in Medicine as a Licensed Acupuncturist. Dr. Blasko specializes in both Japanese and Chinese styles of acupuncture and Chinese Herbology and began offering her services at VESCONE in November.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics 62% of Americans are using some form of complementary or alternative medicine for themselves and are now introducing the practice to their pets. In its effort to continuously offer clients and their pets the utmost in care VESCONE added acupuncture as a therapy for those that seek a non-invasive, chemical free alternative for common pet ailments.

Acupuncture can help any condition by utilizing the body's own inherent healing capabilities. Some of the most common conditions that respond particularly well to acupuncture in animals are degenerative joint disease, arthritis, post operative pain for orthopedic and soft tissue surgery, gastrointestinal diseases, cancer, neurological diseases such as epilepsy or nerve injuries, skin diseases such as allergic or lick granulomas.

Other conditions that benefit from acupuncture include anxiety, behavioral issues, chronic renal failure and diabetes.

Acupuncture originated in China more than 4,500 years ago and is based on the principle that the life energy, or Qi, that flows from the body organs can be disturbed by injury or disease. When there is an imbalance in the flow of Qi in the body an acupuncturist can change or optimize the flow using specific acupuncture points. By stimulating these specific points, using needles, heat, electrical currents or laser, the body can start to heal by restoring the imbalance of its own Qi.

Dr Amy Shroff, Chief of Staff at VESCONE states “acupuncture has great healing powers and we are happy to be able to provide this service to our patients.”

All treatments are done by appointment and VESCONE recommends that client speak to there regular veterinarian to see if acupuncture is right for their pet. 111308

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Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Center of New England is a 24-hour emergency and referral practice offering pet owners comprehensive coverage that combines the best of modern veterinary medicine with personal attention from caring professionals.

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