

Paws... And Consider



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We now offer chiropractic and acupuncture care

Rockford Road Animal Hospital is pleased to announce that we are now offering chiropractic and acupuncture care for your four-legged family members.

Both are safe with no side effects. Both chiropractic and acupuncture care work best with traditional veterinary care,

explains Dr. David Brewer. We work with each of the specialist to provide your pet the best care possible.

If you are interested in acupuncture or chiropractic care, please call us. We will work with you and the specialists to establish the right care for your pet.



Pictured: Left: Dr. Mark "Bones" LaVallie examines Lily during her chiropractic treatment.

Right: Dr. Heidi Hammel, D.V.M. (left), Bud (center) and Bud's pet parent, Laura.



Does your pet need chiropractic care?

Lily's favorite hobby is chasing squirrels. However, a spine injury has kept Lily from pursuing this activity.

Lily had chiropractic care with Dr. Mark "Bones" LaVallie, who has treated humans as a chiropractor for 31 years. He has been treating pets for five years. The first step is for the pet to receive a comprehensive physical, checking reflexes, muscle tone, and overall health. Gently, Dr. LaVallie begins making "adjustments" along Lily's spine, working his hands expertly down her back. Lily relaxes, closing her eyes, as the treatment continues.

"It is best to combine chiropractic care with your traditional veterinary care," explains Dr. LaVallie.

One sign that your pet may need chiropractic care is incomplete stretches and shakes. "When a dog shakes, the shake should start at the head and continue, uninterrupted through to the tail. If a dog or cat doesn't fully stretch or shake, it could be a sign of a joint or spine problems.

Pets of all ages benefit from chiropractic care, both in the treatment and prevention of injuries.

"My job is to relieve the pet's symptoms and to get to the root of the problem so I can deliver specific and long-lasting care," said Dr. LaVallie.

Pets can benefit from acupuncture

Bud, a 14-year-old black lab, suffers from arthritis in his neck, both shoulders and left knee. Since Bud started receiving acupuncture treatments at RRAH, his quality of life has improved.

"He's like a new dog," says Laura, Bud's pet parent. "Bud is more alert and active." Before a medication change and acupuncture, Laura said Bud looked miserable. Laura said she is simply amazed as she watches Bud's quality of life continue to improve. "That's what it is all about," Laura says. "Giving our pets the best quality of life possible."

Dr. Heidi Hammel, D.V.M., who is certified in veterinary acupuncture, explains that during the acupuncture treatments, the pet will feel a warm sensation and often will fall asleep during treatment.

"It works best to combine acupuncture with the pet's veterinary medical care," explains Dr. Hammel. Acupuncture can treat a variety of medical conditions. Acupuncture is safe and has no side effects.

If you are interested in acupuncture for your pet, call RRAH. Your veterinarian will discuss your options and will work with you and Dr. Hammel to provide the best treatment for your pet.



Our feline friends need special attention

Did you know that our feline friends need as much medical attention as our canine companions.

Heartworm

Felines need to be protected from heartworm and internal parasites, even if they are inside kitties. It's easy to

do. Monthly tablets protect your felines from heartworm and internal parasites.

Rabies vaccines

Based on the most current research and new findings in veterinary medicine, RRAH is now recommending all felines receive annual rabies vaccinations. We will begin the annual vaccination once your cat's current rabies vaccination is due. We will implement the rabies vaccination as part of your pet's annual wellness care. Kittens should receive their first rabies vaccine at 14 to 16 weeks of age.

Annual physicals

We all know the importance of preventative healthcare and that applies to our feline friends too. Our primary goal is to ensure your feline is healthy and identify any new concerns.

Kitten program

We have a kitten program to start your kitten on the right paw. The program will provide your feline friend all the necessary healthcare exams, vaccines, and everything to ensure that your feline friend will live a long and healthy life.

For any question about your cat, please call us. We are here to help.

It's a Celebration... For RRAH



Next year, RRAH celebrates 25 years serving you, our valued clients, and having the privilege of caring for your pets. We appreciate your loyalty and we appreciate you.

We'll be celebrating next year. Watch for details because of course, you'll be invited to the festivities. In fact, you're the guest of honor.

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