



Acuscope & Our Pets

Helping Our Furry Friends Find Some Comfort

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People love their pets. In an emergency they may even risk their lives to save their pets. Similarly, pets have been known to risk or lose their lives to save their caretakers. There is the story of the cat that awakened his owners when poisonous gas fumes threatened their lives. Recently, a dog here in Florida helped fight off an alligator to save an elderly widow from certain death. My grandpa once told me that he believed there was a place in heaven for our beloved animal friends. I hope he is right!

Pets can't tell us when they are in pain or distress, but we can perceive this unspoken need from their grimaces, groans, limping and depressed activity or behavior. The modalities that I use with human patients—manual therapy and microcurrent therapy—among others, I have also used with animals. Years ago, my cat, Buddy, broke his pelvis and microcurrent therapy helped him to recover very quickly. After that, I treated my contractor's dog for hip dysphasia and others came along for various ailments like arthritis, sprains and strains.

The most exciting thing about treating animals is that they often sense they are being helped and will generally relax when they might not otherwise sit still for anything. The specialized computer assisted Electro-Acuscope & Myopulse

equipment I have used is very helpful for the quick and effective treatment sessions that animals require. As technology engineer, Bob Moore, puts it, "incorporating the most advanced aerospace technology, these FDA approved, microcurrent instruments stimulate "tissue repair" rather than "muscle contraction" at the cellular level. Utilizing proprietary "carrier wave" technology, the instruments' feedback modulated microprocessors gather tissue impedance information and in turn provide a gentle current with "waveform control" that "whispers" at tissues, accelerating the body's own natural healing abilities."

The Acuscope works on a cellular level with nerve tissue while the Myopulse works on a cellular level with the connective tissues—muscles, tendons, ligaments, bones, cartilage, organs, glands, fascia etc. This safe and painless microcurrent usually begins helping immediately, sometimes when other therapies haven't worked at all. It has progressive benefits for painful, inflammatory, arthritic, diseased and varied traumatic injuries including wound healing.

THE STORY OF "OTIS"

Otis, a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, is also known as "Prancy Boy" from his puppy days. He is almost 14 years old, although his breed generally only lives to be around 10 years. His story

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begins when he was about a year and a half old, he bravely saved his human Karen, from a serious accident, that left him with a shattered right paw and a broken leg in 6 places. The vet considered all options including amputation, then decided since he was so young, he would try surgery and casting. Surprised to all, his leg and paw healed quickly with no signs of a limp or pain, or even signs of the damage.

Today, years later, our heroic proud pup is in his senior years and no longer so prancy. Two years ago, he suffered another serious injury while out running with his doggy siblings. He stepped into a pothole, snapped the cruciate ligaments in both legs and dislocated his right knee. He was unable to walk, stand or even sit and was in constant extreme pain. Karen and the vet once again considered all options including the risk of surgery on an older dog and sadly, possibly putting him to sleep. Since his history of healing rapidly and his heart and lungs were still healthy, Otis ended up having the surgery, hoping he would not give up the familiar "Prancer" nickname. He now lives with many artificial parts, arthritic damage in his lower spine, hips and knees. His recovery has taken a long time and he does take daily pain medication and NSAIDS but remains tired from the drugs and seems depressed from his limited movement. Making things worse, due to his age, he has impaired sight and hearing loss and has been "stuck" to his human for guidance.



Karen brought Otis to me after she experienced an Acuscope/Microcurrent treatment for herself. During Otis' initial treatment on 10/17/09, I was able to give him the myofascial (manual) therapy at the same time he was receiving the microcurrent. I felt the inflammation and tissue waste clear out of his swollen muscle tissues as the scar tissue softened. He laid his head down quietly relaxed, which is a rarity, and seemed gratefully relieved of his burden and at times, even fell asleep.

When the hour treatment session was over, he got off the table and pranced out the door as if he were young again! His human reports that for a few days after, he pranced around the yard and was sleeping comfortably. He has had less pain and his rear right leg is not dragging as much. He is getting in and out of his dog door with agility instead of crawling through one leg at a time. He is planning to come in for follow up visits to maintain his elasticity and to "keep on prancing".

This incredible technology is used with professional race horses, cats, dogs and other animals. Please feel free to call for a complementary phone consultation or for more information.

Jim Gabriel, NMT, LMT, SET (Proud Pet Papa to Jack the Dog and Satchmo the Cat) has used the Electro Acuscope/Myopulse for the last twenty five years of his thirty year career as a clinical massage therapist.