

## Chiropractic Care for Animals



### **What is Chiropractic?**

Chiropractic is a type of manual medicine that focuses on the movement of individual joints. Each individual joint affects the biomechanical and nervous system through an intricate connection. Movement is, in fact, the most important relay mechanism of input into the brain and spinal cord .... Aka Proprioception.

When joints are restricted, or are not moving within their potential range of motion, the pet can experience restricted mobility, joint degeneration, reduced muscle function, and altered neurological function.

### **Does the chiropractic adjustment hurt my animal? NO**

The adjustment is a very quick, but gentle thrust on the restricted joint. Some animals that are not used to chiropractic care may be startled at first, but soon relax and enjoy the treatment. Many animals even fall asleep during the session or shortly after.

### **How long does the adjustment take?**

The adjustment itself does not take long at all. However, we like to allow 20 minutes for the first visit and 15 minutes for the follow-up visits to make sure that all of your questions are answered. Dr. Kiley will email you a copy of the adjustments that were made to your pet and her further recommendations. We will also have a copy in your records here in the hospital.

**There is nothing wrong with my pet, why should I consider chiropractic care? Symptoms are the last sign of dysfunction! It is far easier to prevent the problem than it is to correct the problem!**

The joint restrictions that require chiropractic care can often be asymptomatic, especially when they first begin. Over time, these restrictions will cause clinical symptoms which will negatively affect the health of your pet. With regular chiropractic exams, we can detect these joint restrictions before they cause symptoms.

**My pet has XYZ, can chiropractic help? YES!**

Chiropractic has been of benefit to both humans and animals for many years. Although it is difficult to pinpoint EXACTLY why chiropractic helps a certain condition, improvement in the animal's overall well-being is often seen. Basically, every animal can benefit from chiropractic care.

**Who is Dr. Kiley?**

Dr. Kiley is a human chiropractor and is one of 5 International Veterinary Chiropractic Association (IVCA) certified animal chiropractors in Ohio.