

In Wisconsin Animal Chiropractic Care is also referred to as Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy or VSMT.

What is chiropractic (VSMT) care?

When an animal chiropractor examines a patient, they are looking for joints with a reduced range of motion. Many people have a concept of the "bone out of place theory". It is very common for clients to have heard of specific joints being "out". We avoid that terminology, because we feel it gives you an inaccurate picture of what we are doing. As opposed to the joint actually being "out of place", the joint is instead restricted in its optimal range of motion, which is called a chiropractic subluxation.

These "stuck" joints are corrected with a chiropractic adjustment. The goal of any adjustment is to restore the optimal range of motion to that joint, which will subsequently alleviate inflammation in and pressure on surrounding nerves and soft tissue. The inflammation works a little like static on a telephone line and makes it difficult for nerves to transmit their messages perfectly. Considering that your nerves coupled with your brain and spinal cord (the central nervous system) control everything about you and your body, improving their ability to communicate well enhances your overall health. Thus chiropractic care is not just about making a "sore back" feel better, it's really about cultivating great health.



What to expect during a chiropractic (VSMT) appointment:

During the exam the doctor will feel, or palpate, your pets' joints. When a restricted joint is found, it is corrected by an adjustment. The adjustment is a very specific and gentle thrust into the joint. After the adjustment, the joint is palpated again to be certain that it is moving more freely. The adjustments usually look like quick little pushes on the animal. In order to be at the correct angle to the spine during horse appointments, the doctor will stand upon "bales". These are large Styrofoam blocks inside of cases that resemble hay bags. Most animals truly enjoy being adjusted and are relaxed and happy during your appointment.

A lesson in animal chiropractic

[What are some signs that my dog or cat may need a chiropractic adjustment?](#)

[What are some signs that my horse may need a chiropractic adjustment?](#)

[What to expect](#)

[After your visit](#)

Veterinary Chiropractic and Acupuncture treatments are not meant to replace traditional veterinary medicine and instead work best when integrated with it.

Naturally Balanced Veterinary Services, LLC

3372 Brookside Dr, Pulaski, WI 54162

(920) 737-9605
