

### **CHIROPRACTIC FOR PETS.. IT DOES EXIST**

*“Dr. Becca was a life and heart saver. Our 14 year old dog, Ashlee would have had a painful and short life it was not for Dr. Becca. We would have lost our dear Ashlee at least a year earlier than we did if Dr. Becca did not come into our lives. Ashlee’s last 12 months were comfortable, active, and possible because of Dr. Becca.*



*If you are a dog parent, especially with an older dog you must consider Dr. Becca and Animal Chiropractic. Dr. Becca postponed the heartache of losing our dog. She lived a quality life up until her last hours. “- Kellie R*

A picture is worth a thousand words but these words resonate a thousand times the life saving and changing benefits that chiropractic care offers to pets as well as the hope and peace of mind that it offers to their

parents. As a pet chiropractor I could tell so many more stories that touch my heart. Most people are not aware nor do they think about chiropractic care for their pets. However, once they find chiropractic care for pets the positive effects become very apparent. I love hearing pet parents say that “my dog is back to her old self again” or, “he has so much energy” but those are only two of many benefits. Other benefits of chiropractic care that pet parents have noted in their companion animal include:

- A better mood and brighter disposition
- Improved movement and decreased stiffness
- Decreased pain and muscle spasm
- Better athletic performance
- Decreased anxiety or a decrease in allergy symptoms
- Improved bowel and bladder control
- A happier and healthier pet!

Chiropractic care for pets work hand in hand with massage to provide companion animals optimum health and well being. It is gentle and specific in restoring joint mobility and massage continues to maintain the tissues surrounding the joints and keep them pliable so that your animal can have the best possible movement.

You are probably wondering, “How do I know that my pet needs chiropractic care?” Though our pets can’t talk using words, they talk to us through their body. You may notice mood and behavior changes or they may experience changes in appetite. Other things you might notice in your pet might be:

- Difficulty rising from a lying down position or from sitting to standing
- Muscle stiffness or weakness with shaking or tremors in the limbs



- Limping, mobility and gait abnormalities
- Different posture, i.e. hunched back, sitting on one hip rather than squarely
- Problems with bowel or bladder control problems
- Digestive upsets or allergies and hot spots
- Sensitivity to touch
- Your pet may have been injured or have a decreased performance in athletic ability

**OR.....**

You might have been told by your veterinarian that your pet has neck, back or disc problems, arthritis soft tissue, muscle or ligament injury, or the veterinarian is having difficulty finding anything wrong.

These are all reasons why pet owners seek chiropractic care. It is a safe natural way of relieving pain without using drugs, surgery or other invasive procedures for your pet. Although the list above is a “problem” list, as in humans, chiropractic care can benefit pets even when there is nothing specifically wrong. Some owners bring their pet in just to keep them healthy and prevent injuries. By nature chiropractic care restores and improves joint health and mobility, and maintains overall health by boosting the immune system. The benefits are tremendous and the quality of life that the pet experiences is greatly improved. There are so many successful cases but the greatest success is knowing that not only have I helped the pet with their pain and quality of life, but also knowing how much it impacts the pet parent.

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