



West Chelsea Veterinary's Cat Adoption Condos



Come by and check out our Cat Adoption Condos! Our all-kitty residents are adoptable rescues from City Critters, Inc., a local, non-profit rescue organization.

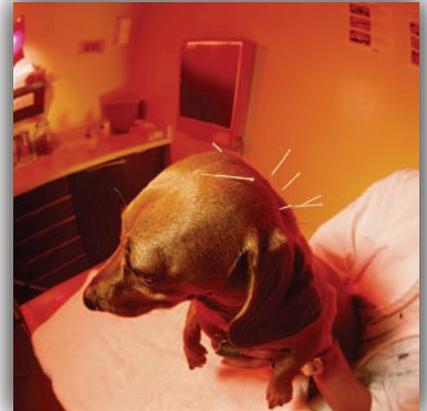


West Chelsea Veterinary is proud to work with a grassroots organization, like City Critters, that helps to save the lives of homeless cats all over New York City every day. If you're looking to add a cat to your family, be sure to stop in to meet the cats soon or call us at (212) 645-2767.

Acupuncture Gives Pets a Second Chance for an Active Lifestyle

Everything old is new again, especially in the world of veterinary medicine. Acupuncture is becoming increasingly popular among the savviest of pet owners, as a great option for controlling pets' pain and treating a variety of ailments. Bridget Halligan, DVM, is also a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist and has treated dogs and cats with acupuncture at West Chelsea Veterinary for over a decade.

"More and more of our clients request acupuncture as a first resort treatment," says Dr. Halligan, DVM, CVA. "New Yorkers not only want the best for their pets, but have the know-how to seek out every medical option available." Dr. Halligan says more people are specifically seeking acupuncture at West Chelsea Veterinary, and she's glad she's providing one more treatment option for her four-legged patients and their owners.



In acupuncture therapy, tiny needles are inserted into certain points of a pet's body to cause the release of endogenous opioids such as beta endorphins, the body's natural pain-killers, and smaller amounts of cortisol, an anti-inflammatory steroid. The needles are so small they cause only minimal discomfort. Veterinary acupuncturists, like Dr. Halligan, most commonly treat cats and dogs.

Acupuncture isn't new to veterinary medicine at all. In fact, acupuncture has been used to treat both people and animals for thousands of years. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), the earliest known writings about alternative medicines, such as acupuncture, date back to 2800 B.C., and the first uses of acupuncture for animals can be traced from 136 to 265 A.D. In China. The earliest versions of animal acupuncture were practiced on large working animals and involved the application of pressure from sharp stones to specific points on the animal's body.

Today, veterinary acupuncture provides an important treatment option for patients with orthopedic, neurological and geriatric issues. **For more information, or to find out if your cat or dog is a candidate for acupuncture treatments, please call us directly at (212) 645-2767.**



Have pets who refuse to take their meds?

West Chelsea Veterinary is now offering Covenia® from Pfizer Animal Health. Covenia® is an injectable antibiotic, given in a single dose by your veterinarian. It is rapidly and completely absorbed into your pet's bloodstream. Covenia® is a great antibiotic treatment option for pets who scratch, bite or complain when it's time to take a dose of medication. It's also great for busy pet owners who may not be able to keep up with the many doses associated with daily oral antibiotics. It's the first antibiotic that provides up to 14 days of treatment in a just one injection.