

An Introduction to Equine Acupuncture

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Purpose: This study was performed to give informations about applications of equine acupuncture in veterinary field. Moreover, it involved a certified equine acupuncture training program.

Materials and Methods: 1) Data analysis of equine cases in acupuncture service at Animal Medical Center of Chonbuk National University and Veterinary Medical Center of University of Florida; 2) Papers review related to equine acupuncture through the Pub-med website.

Results: In cases of joint injuries such as shoulder, hip or fetlock pain, acupuncture treatment has been shown a high success rate with over 90%. In cases of paralysis and paresis like laryngeal hemiplegia, it has been also shown to be taken about 90% of clinical sound. The chronic diseases like arthritis, muscle atropy, tendinitis, and laminitis have been taken with a good success rate of 85 %.

Conclusion: It has been known that acupuncture treatment has good therapeutic effects for many kinds of muscular-skeletal problems, joints diseases, nerve disorders, pain management and chronic diseases in human and veterinary medicine. From this research, it is convinced that acupuncture is one of treatment methods in equine clinics as well.

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