

How long does a typical treatment last?

Sessions typically take between 25-35 minutes from start to finish.

Which pets are unsuitable for acupuncture?

Pets that are aggressive or fearful can create a safety issue for the Vet administering acupuncture. It's also not possible to sedate animals so they can receive acupuncture treatment. It is for these reasons we unfortunately have to decline administering acupuncture therapy to these pets. Our team will be happy to advise on other treatment options which are available.

How to enquire

If your pet has a condition that you believe could benefit from acupuncture, please speak to our team. We can provide this treatment to pets registered at other The Pet Vet surgeries and we're also happy to receive external referrals from other practices.

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What is acupuncture?

According to The Association of British Veterinary Acupuncturists (ABVA), acupuncture has evolved from the ancient art of placing needles into special locations on the body to alleviate pain, improve recovery rates and increase resistance to disease. It has been practiced by the Chinese and other Eastern cultures for thousands of years and may be used to treat a wide variety of illnesses.

Acupuncture treatment should always follow an accurate diagnosis of the condition and a full appraisal of all treatment options. In many cases, acupuncture is best used in conjunction with conventional medicine. However, in some situations, it can be used as a sole treatment.

Adding acupuncture to a treatment plan can help to reduce your pet's requirements for medications which may have undesirable side effects.

Which conditions can acupuncture help?

Acupuncture can help with the following:

- ✓ Arthritis and degenerative joint disease
- ✓ Intervertebral disc disease and nerve pain
- ✓ Surgery
- ✓ Cancer side effects
- ✓ Hormonal or metabolic conditions
- ✓ Trauma
- ✓ Skin conditions

Which pets can receive acupuncture?

It's not just for dogs and cats - all pets can benefit from acupuncture. If your pet has a condition that you think could benefit from this therapy, please contact doncaster@thepetvet.co.uk or call **01302 325608** to speak to our team.

What happens during treatment?

Fine needles are inserted into your pet's body at specific points. These needles are then moved by the Vet.

Is acupuncture safe?

Acupuncture is extremely safe when practiced correctly. Under UK law, animal acupuncture can only be administered by an appropriately qualified Veterinary Surgeon. The monitoring and removal of acupuncture needles may be undertaken by a Registered Veterinary Nurse.

How many treatments will my pet need?

Most conditions can benefit from 3-5 treatments delivered at weekly intervals, with progressively wider intervals between treatments as soon as a significant improvement is noted.