



VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

HOW IT WORKS & WHAT IT CAN TREAT

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Dr. Lina McCain received a DVM from UC Davis in 1993 and has practiced on the peninsula since then. She became a “Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist” in 2005 through the Chi Institute, one of three certification organizations.

Dr. McCain states that Chinese medicine excels at using physical clues to match the patient’s condition to a pattern of imbalance.

Acupuncture as a treatment modality originated by Chinese practitioners over 3,000 years ago.

The American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture (AAVA) was formed in 1998 as an offshoot of the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society which began in 1974. The organization hopes to eventually become recognized by the AVMA.

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Tuesday March 19, 2013

This is a regular meeting with CE Credit

The March meeting will be held at **The Vans Restaurant** in Belmont which is located at **815 Belmont Avenue**, west off El Camino Real, up the hill. There is parking adjacent and also across the street to the west. 6:30pm for adult beverages, 7:00pm for dinner and program

PVMA members free; \$25 for Life Members; \$60 for non-members

Epidemiology Corner

Charlene Edinboro, DVM, PhD

Following up our January meeting, here's more about the original astronauts: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/science/2013/jan/28/animal-astronauts-unsung-heroes-space>.

A joint US-Canadian study of feline oral disease: <http://felinevet.wordpress.com/2012/10/23/feline-oral-disease-research-project/> is underway. Here's another link: http://www.cathospitals.net/102489-02_DrLittle_OralDiseaseStudy_Enrollment_FAX-H.pdf.

There is a study at UC Davis of pain medications for older cats with osteoarthritis – contact Dr. Guedes at aguedes@ucdavis.edu for details.

No surprise here: a study found that dogs in kennels were more relaxed when classical music was piped in, compared with dogs listened to heavy metal:

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57545315/study-classical-music-de-stresses-dogs/.

What do you do when clients bring in wildlife? Here is a new decision tree from AVMA that should provide guidance to you and your staff:

<https://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/Reference/wildlife/Pages/default.aspx>.

Did you hear about the newly discovered virus found in raccoons? Here's the quick story:

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2012/12/121212130946.htm> and the full article in *Emerging Infectious Diseases* can be accessed at:

http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/19/1/12-1078_article.htm. In Texas, there are reports of canine distemper in raccoons, which can be confused with rabies, emphasizing the need for good vaccination. Rabies was found in a cat in Sonoma County in January:

<http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/announcements/pdf/20130125alert.pdf>.

That brings us to the links to forms to request rabies vaccination exemption from San Mateo County Public Health:

<http://smchealth.org/sites/default/files/docs/PHS/Form%20-%20Ra-bies%20Vacc%20Exemption%20Packet.pdf>.

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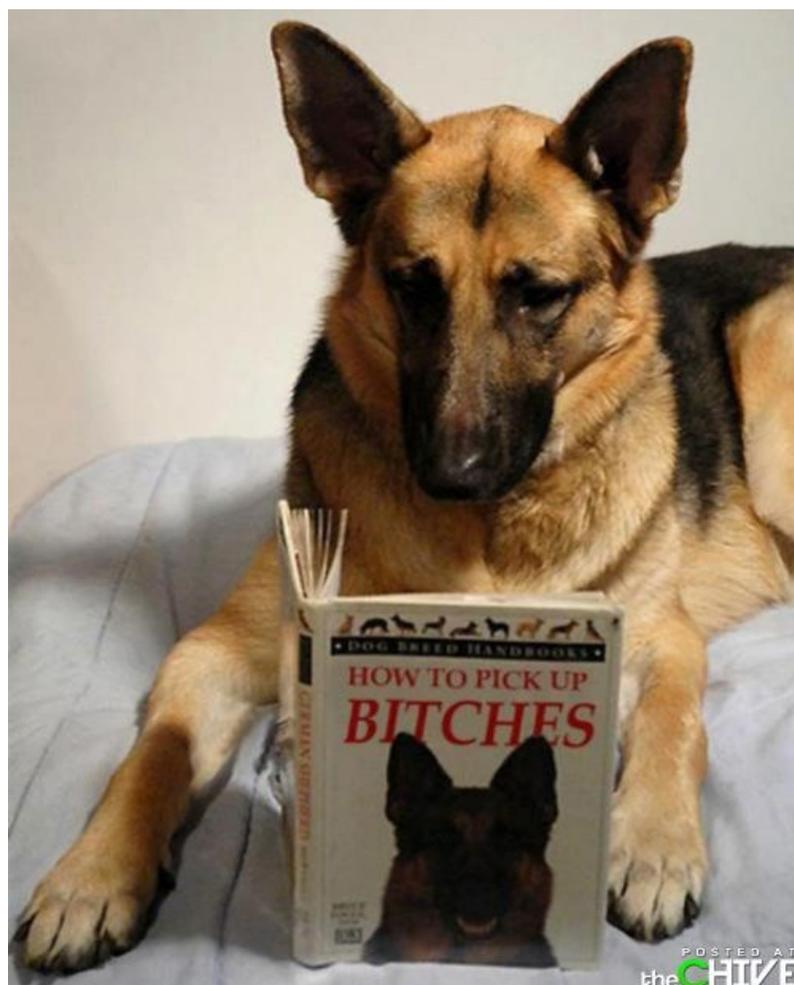
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The gauge of railways in Britain is the same as the distance between the wheels of a Roman chariot.

Or that the basis of modern property description and town planning is the acre, an area plowable in one day by a team of two oxen.

Or that the percentage of women undergraduates at Stanford University reached 40% in 1899 whereupon Jane Stanford became alarmed and set a limit on women's enrollment at 500 since the university was founded in honor of her deceased son. The cap was reached in 1903, raised in 1933 but not eliminated until 1973.

In October 1999, Jerry Williams of Little Rock AR was awarded \$15,00 after being bitten by his neighbor's Beagle. The dog was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard at the time. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been provoked by Mr. Williams repeatedly shooting at it with a pellet gun while in its yard.

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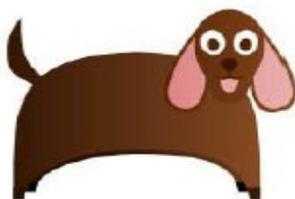
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Cristine Mincheff, DVM

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Why yes, these are purely suggestions based on my 8+ years of school and \$300,000 worth of loans. Please feel free to do whatever your breeder suggests.



NOTEWORTHY NATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced in late January that it has combined the “Center for Veterinary Medicine”: and the “Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition” into the “Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine” (OFVM). Although this sounds like a practical decision to increase efficiency, it should come as no surprise that this change actually includes new offices with staff increases.

“I’ve learned that my dog doesn’t want to eat my broccoli either.” . . . Jeff, age 7

“I’ve learned that wherever I go, the world’s worst drivers have followed me there!” . . . Jeff, Age 29

“I’ve learned that no matter how bad it seems today, it will be better tomorrow.” . . . Jeff age 48

“I’ve learned that I still have a lot to learn!” . . . Jeff age 92

Somebody said the hardest part of motherhood is labor and delivery.

Somebody never watched her “baby” get on the bus for the first day of school.

Somebody said your Mother knows you love her so you don’t have to tell her. Somebody is not a Mother!

“Filament Deficiency”: when there’s not enough suture material left at the end to tie one last knot.

