

TCVM Client Informed Consent

I understand that I am the decision maker for my pet's health care and hereby request and consent to the performance of veterinary acupuncture treatments and other procedures within the scope of practice of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) for my pet. Methods of treatment may include acupuncture, aquapuncture, electrical stimulation, laser therapy, Tui-Na (Traditional Chinese massage), Traditional Chinese herbal medications, and nutritional and supplement counseling. I understand certain therapies may have not been proven with conventional scientific testing and may not be FDA approved.

As with all veterinary treatments, a guarantee is neither given nor implied. I understand that I am choosing these methods either in place of, or along with conventional therapies, and understand the risks involved in the procedure(s).

I will maintain a relationship with a primary care veterinarian for routine, urgent, and emergency care for my pet. I understand Michelle Kordupel, DVM, CVA and Island Holistic Pet Care does not provide routine, urgent, or emergency pet care.

I have been informed that acupuncture is generally a safe method of treatment, but as with all types of healthcare interventions, there are some risks to care, including, but not limited to: bleeding at needle insertion sites, pain around needle insertion sites, retained or broken needles, and drowsiness. Infection is another possible risk; however, the clinic maintains a clean and safe environment and sterile disposable needles are used to mitigate this risk as much as possible.

Aquapuncture is the injection of aqueous solutions (Vitamin B-12, saline, Adequan, etc.) into acupuncture points. This allows for longer stimulation of acupuncture points and may be best suited to pets that do not tolerate acupuncture needle placement or need to wait longer between treatment sessions. If Vitamin B-12 is used, you may see pink-red tinged urine for 12-24 hours; this is expected and not a cause for alarm.

Photobiomodulation (laser therapy) is a form of light therapy that uses non-ionizing light to activate cellular responses in the body. It is non-painful and is used to treat inflammation and pain and promote tissue regeneration and immune-system function. It should not be used over skin tumors as it can increase blood flow and cause them to grow.

Herbs and nutritional supplements (derived from plant, animal, and mineral sources) that are recommended are traditionally considered safe. Possible side effects include but are not limited to vomiting and diarrhea. Other side effects of specific herbal therapies will be discussed prior to prescribing.

I will notify my pet's veterinary health team of any changes in my pet's health or medical history and if my pet experiences any side effects from the prescribed therapies.

I hereby authorize Michelle Kordupel, DVM, CVA and/or Jamie Walkush, DVM, CVA to perform veterinary acupuncture treatments and other procedures within the scope of practice of TCVM for my pet.

Client Name:	Phone:
Pet Name:	E-mail:

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Media & Information Release

I hereby authorize Michelle Kordupel, DVM, CVA and/or Jamie Walkush DVM, CVA, along with the affiliated veterinary facility permission to take photographs and videos of me and my pet and utilize my pet's medical information for the purpose of scientific case reports, presentations, journal articles, and educational or promotional material.

I hereby release and discharge Michelle Kordupel, DVM, CVA and/or Jamie Walkush DVM, CVA, along with the affiliated veterinary facility from any and all claims arising out of use of these photos, videos, and pet medical information.

In signing this consent, I give authorization to use my name and my pet's name as printed below:

Client Printed Name:
Pet Printed Name:

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____



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