



The aim of this study was to describe the patterns of traditional Chinese medicine used to improve physical and mental health of dogs in a kennel.

Acupuncture is an ancient form of Chinese medicine dating back over 5,000 years.

It is based on the concept that the body has specific channels (meridians) through which energy (chi) flows.

While this energy, or chi, is flowing smoothly, there will be no specific pain or disease, but if the chi is either deficient or excess in quantity, or is not flowing freely, there will be disease.

When acupuncture needles are placed in specific points on the skin, energy is redirected to create both local and systemic (widespread) effects.



Acupuncture is used

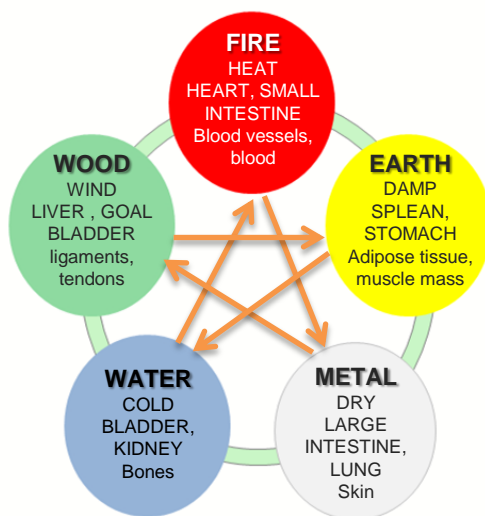


Nervous system and brain are stimulated



Circulation increases, chemical substances are released to repair damaged tissue, increases serotonin and endorphin levels...

SIMPLE GUIDELINES USE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN DOGS COLLECTED IN A KENNEL



The non profit Fundación Trifolium manages Canópolis a place for abandoned animals in the massif of the "Parc natural del Garraf". In this Mediterranean garden of 3.5 hectares the animals enjoy freedom of movement, fresh foods, and are treated with a combination of conventional veterinary and natural treatments such as acupuncture.



CASE REPRESENTATIVE

STUDY

CASE 1. EPILEPSY AND SKIN PROBLEMS

Treatment: Phenobarbital + acupuncture (considered a complement).
4IG, 11IG, 23V, 3H.

The deficit of the metal doesn't control wood and it's manifested with epileptic episodes. All older animal has a deficit of water element. It has reduced the frequency of seizures but hasn't submitted.

CASE 2. LEISHMANIASIS

26V, 36E, 1R, 6B

Leishmania is a blood parasite. Fire element deficit.

Scabies=immunodeficiency
Skin (metal element), needs fluids (blood)

CASE 3. VISCERAL LEISHMANIASIS

23V, 7R, 17V. In this case, visceral leishmaniasis affects the kidney and also allopurinol. Tonify the Water element (kidney) and blood.

CASE 4. CONGENITAL NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS

23V, 4IG, 52V, 3H

Tonify the Water element and wood. Wood element is associated with seizures.

CASE 5. SPINAL CORD INJURY. PARALYSIS

28V, 3VC, 20V, 6B, 36E, 34VB
The lesion is fully affecting the area 52V, 28V and 4VG. Tonify the Water and earth element

Generally, MTC is helpful for dogs in Canópolis improving their quality of life, although it may be more effective by having more specialized workers.