

## Holistic Veterinary Organizations

**Here are some places to find a caregiver for your cat.**

*By Lisa Hanks*

All these sites have searchable databases to find local practitioners:

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association  
2218 Old Emmorton Road  
Bel Air, MD 21015  
410-569-0795

American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture  
100 Roscommon Dr., Ste. 320  
Middletown, CT 06457  
860-632-9911

American College of Veterinary Nutrition  
School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Molecular Biosciences  
One Shields Ave.  
Davis, CA 95616-8741

International Veterinary Acupuncture Society  
2625 Redwing Road, Ste. 160  
Fort Collins, CO 80526  
970-266-0666

National Animal Supplement Council  
P.O. Box 2568  
Valley Center, CA 92082  
(760) 751-3360

Veterinary Botanical Medical Association  
1785 Poplar Dr.  
Kennesaw GA 30144

### Finding a Qualified Veterinary Acupuncturist in Your Area

With acupuncture — as with any holistic treatment method — it's essential to find a holistic veterinarian who's been certified to practice in that modality. Holistic methods aren't taught in regular veterinary schools. In addition to the years spent training in veterinary school, holistic practitioners have chosen to undergo additional training in specific holistic areas. This can add up to years of education in special seminars, certification testing and hands-on training.

The International Veterinary Acupuncture Society is the only group that certifies veterinary acupuncturists in the United States. Additional training is offered by the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture, an IVAS-affiliate, and other groups. Search the IVAS website's database for certified members in your area.

Can't find a local veterinary acupuncturist? Try searching the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association's website for a regular holistic veterinarian. This umbrella group covers all types of holistic animal care, including acupuncture. You also can work with your veterinarian in cooperation with a holistic veterinarian.