

Western Herbal Training at Tufts University – 80 hours – Spring of 2003

Classes discussed common western herbs used in companion, livestock and equine medicine. Did training in identifying and preparing common herbal formulations. Received basic introduction to traditional Chinese medicine. Course taught primarily by Drs. Steve Marsden and Susan Wynn.

IVAS Acupuncture Course at Tufts University – 150 hours – Spring of 2004

Classes covered basic Chinese medicine with focus on acupuncture in both dogs and equine. Had practical laboratory time in point identification, treatment protocols, and electroacupuncture. Had lectures from Drs. Steve Marsden, Linda Bogge, Bruce Ferguson, Allen Shoen and numerous other lecturers.

Basic Chinese Herbal Course through A Time to Heal – 120 hours – Spring of 2005

Classes covered basic Chinese medicine with focus on herbal therapy in companion animal, livestock and equine medicine. Classes taught primarily by Drs. Steve Marsden, Mona Boudreaux, and Deb Mitchell.

Advanced Chinese Herbal Course through A Time to Heal – 24 hours - Summer of 2006

More in – depth discussion of middle jiao (or burner) issues in animal medicine. Classes taught primarily by Drs. Steve Marsden, Mona Boudreaux, and Deb Mitchell.

Certification by International Veterinarian Acupuncture Society (IVAS) - 2006

Requirements for certification are one peer reviewed paper on a case presentation. (Mine was on acupuncture post-trauma (hit by car). Passed written test and practical test covering both canine and equine points, and completed 20 hours of observing IVAS certified practitioner. To maintain membership in American Association of Veterinary Acupuncturists (the USA subgroup), need 10 hours of continuing education in acupuncture per year.

Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy at Healing Oasis – 220 hours - Spring of 2007

Classes taught chiropractic adjustment techniques and theory for canine and equine medicine. Had practical laboratory time performing needed adjustments on horses and dogs. Lectures from Drs. Pedro Rodriquez, Carl DeStefano, and other veterinarian and chiropractors.

American Veterinary Chiropractic Association – Summer 2008

Passed written and practical examinations for both equine and canine chiropractic adjustments and needed 40 hours of observation hours of certified practitioners to be certified. To maintain membership will be required to have 30 hours of chiropractic continuing education every 3 years.