

Facts about VOM

Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation

What is VOM?

Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation is a healing technology that locates areas of your pet's nervous system that have fallen out of communication and re-establishes neuronal communication, which in turn induces healing. VOM is the most safe, simple and effective healing modality in veterinary care to date. It is an objective, fast and easy way for the VOM practitioner to help your pet.

VOM is not chiropractic care for animals – it falls between veterinary medicine and chiropractic care. This technology restores function by reducing neuronal disturbances in your pet called “subluxations”. It involves using a hand-held device similar to the human chiropractic technique called “Activator Methods” but should not be confused with this technique. The differences between VOM and Chiropractic care are significant and distinct.

Although VOM is not yet recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) or the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA) because it is not taught by the AVCA, it is formally recognized by many other groups and associations in the nation.

Why use VOM on my pet?

VOM is used to find and reduce ALL neuronal subluxations. All neuronal subluxations have a pathological reflex demonstrably associated with them, much like a knee jerk response – it is either there or it is not. VOM is a precisely objective science used to determine the presence and reduction of neuronal subluxation. The goal of an adjustment is to reduce all the vertebral subluxations in your pet in a fast, easy and effective manner. This technique can also be used to accurately detect, predict, treat and prevent diseases in domestic mammals. The nature of this technique allows for detection of disease before clinical symptoms appear, and allows treatment at that time.

How does it work?

This technology is used like chiropractic modalities in order to reduce the vertebral subluxation complex by providing motion or force to the fixated or subluxated joint. Simply put, if you apply motion to a joint that is associated with a neuronal subluxations sign, you reduce the subluxation. VOM locates all the neuronal subluxations present in the animal, reduces them, and confirms their reduction. Following treatment with VOM, the patient begins self-regulating readjustment.

Can VOM harm my pet?

No, this technology will not harm your pet. The hand-held VOM device reduces the subluxations present in your pet's joints, but cannot create a subluxation in your pet. It only works in one direction to turn the neuronal switches back on that have been turned off.

The beauty of VOM Technology is that it provides the exact amount of force to the joint needed to reduce the subluxation without having to induce a lot of motion like manual adjustment techniques use. The large amounts of force applied with manual torsion, twisting, etc. can potentially cause injury to animals.

Also, the speed of using the hand-held device is much more effective than having the practitioner use their hands because of the speed of the animal's reflex movement. Using the device works 5-10 times faster than the animal's ability to resist adjustment.

Consequently, your pet is always adjusted, every time, all the time, whether they want to or not, in any position, attitude or mood. While only about 50% of animals will

cooperate with manual chiropractic adjustments, ALL of them can be adjusted using VOM Technology.

What can VOM treat?

- Acute and non-acute lameness
- Progressive lameness
- Hip Dysplasia-like syndromes
- IV disc disease
- Progressive myelopathies
- Urinary and fecal incontinence
- Unilateral lameness
- Wobbler's Disease
- Diseases of the knee
- Esophageal disease
- Increased or decreased GI mobility disease
- Digestive disorders
- Performance problems
- Behavioral problems
- Agility dysfunction
- Endocrine disease
- Many more

Process of applying VOM Technology to your pet:

1. Initial Diagnostic Pass using hand-held device to locate and reduce subluxations up and down your pet's spine. If significant subluxations are found and correspond to the clinical disease presented, a course of VOM treatment will be recommended. Other procedures may be recommended such as blood work, radiographs, or other diagnostic tests.
2. A second treatment, a Therapeutic Pass, will be conducted and the changes to the reading pattern will be noted. Your pet may already show signs of improvement at this point.
3. A third VOM pass will usually be made, and the data will be evaluated. Most if not all the reads may be reduced at this point. Your pet may then be sent home or may be observed overnight by the clinician depending upon the nature of the case.

An appointment to return for readjustment will be made upon release and post-adjustment instructions will be given as to activity and potential discomfort that evening. A series of 3-5 readjustments may be needed to reach a point where no reads are found, in which case the subluxation pattern is "cured". Maintenance checks may be recommended every 4-6 months to watch for reoccurrence.

What could cause this treatment to be ineffective on my pet?

The VOM treatment may not work on your pet if:

- 1) The neurological damage is too extensive, significant, or permanent.
- 2) The VOM treatment schedule is not maintained.

It is important to follow the treatment schedule diligently because when your pet suffers from the subluxation, the body has to adjust in order to function properly. If the body has readjusted itself to compromise for the subluxation, it may take multiple treatments to help adjust back to normal functionality.

What types of animals can receive VOM treatment?

All species, ranging from dogs and cats to birds and horses, can benefit from treatment using VOM Technology.