

Veterinary Acupuncture in Amador County

Blue Oak Veterinary Hospital is pleased to introduce Dr. Christine Haas Quan and the addition of Veterinary Medical Acupuncture to the practice!

Dr. Haas grew up in a community of mini ranchettes in outskirts of Fresno County. She participated in 4-H, FFA, and science fairs growing up and competed in many horseback activities. Dr. Haas has numerous accolades both academically and with extracurricular activities, and achieved the titles of America's Top Young Scientist (2002), California State 4-H Horse Classic Senior Gymkhana High Point (2003 & 2004), and NHSRA Female Student of the Year (2005-2006) by the time she even graduated high school.

Dr. Haas attended UC Davis for her undergraduate education and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology with a minor in Animal Science, Genetics in 2010. That same fall, she started her veterinary school education at UC Davis and graduated in 2014. During veterinary school, Dr. Haas worked both as a technician and as an instructor. She worked in the Large Animal Intensive Care Unit as a student technician working on horses, llamas, alpacas, and occasionally cattle and goats. She also was an instructor and coordinator for two different summer programs teaching high school and undergraduate students medical science and introductory veterinary medicine. These programs are known as COSMOS (California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science) and the Summer Enrichment Program.

We were fortunate enough to have Dr. Haas join the Blue Oak Veterinary Clinic in Jackson, CA in June of 2014. Dr. Haas also recently obtained her acupuncture certification through Colorado State's Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians course. The reviews of her work on acupuncture patients have been tremendously positive; "Both dogs received acupuncture treatments last night in the comfort of their own home... and they are acting like puppies this morning!" said Darlene Heath of her two dogs Ralph and Sierra. "I'm not sure how much time I have left with these two awesome dogs... but with the acupuncture, they seem renewed and happy. That's priceless to me." Nichole Holmberg has also said of her dog Duke, "He went from walking like an old man and being in constant pain to being like a puppy again. It's amazing."

Acupuncture is a historical art of healing developed in various Asian countries for thousands of years. It has transformed over time and has started being actively researched to demystify its original foundation on beliefs and poor interpretations into the English language. The newest incarnation of acupuncture is known as Medical Acupuncture based in scientific integrative medical approaches with traditional western medicine. This allows combination of traditional western medicine with scientifically proven alternative therapies to best support the health and comfort of patients.

Additionally, Dr. Haas offers electroacupuncture, which is the passing of a small current between acupuncture points. This allows further stimulation of tissue, permitting for an amplified response and maximum tissue relaxation and pain relief. Additionally, by utilizing both high and low frequency currents, we can obtain both rapid and long acting results.

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Dr. Haas is available by appointment either at the clinic or for house/ranch calls for all species, including dogs, cats, and horses. She may be reached at the Blue Oak Veterinary Clinic number of (209) 223-3131.

Additionally, Dr. Karly Delano of Amador Veterinary Services also offers acupuncture for horses and is reachable at (209) 296-6070.

Pictured: Dr. Haas with her gelding Rusty.



Pictured 2: Merlin Ropendowski getting an electroacupuncture treatment

