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GREETINGS FROM THE CHI INSTITUTE

Dear Friends,

With the arrival of the year of the "Goat", I wish a bright and merry New Year filled with peace and joy for you, your family and friends.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge every Chi graduate. Thank you for your contributions which make the Chi Institute and its programs so special. The Chi Institute is strong and runs smoothly because of your efforts.

This past year of the "Horse", has been a challenging and exciting year for the Chi Institute. It has finally found its own home base after overcoming many difficulties. This year eighty-one graduates from five classes, which include Small Animal Classes #4 and #5, Mixed Practice Class #5, Equine Class #3, and Herbal Class #5, completed the course work and successfully passed the final examinations. The Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine and the China National Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine granted acupuncture certification to thirty-six graduates and herbal medicine certification to three graduates. Congratulations to you all!

Only the second issue of the *TCVM News*, this newsletter, the voice of the Chi Institute, is still in its infancy. Help us grow into a resource that will benefit all in the Chi family. I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to share your own TCVM career with friends and colleagues. Please contact the Chi Institute with stories to contribute.

Dr. Bob Spiegel, a certified veterinary acupuncturist and herbalist, has maintained the Chi chat room as an active and effective on-line forum for the exchange of experiences with TCVM. I encourage every Chi member to sign up in this group because it is one of the best ways to share and learn TCVM through clinical cases. Please email Bob at spieg18@yahoo.com to join.

In the year 2003, two new acupuncture classes, Small Animal Class #6 and Equine Class #4, will begin. Even though we have many applicants on the waiting-list, we are keeping our promise to maintain small class sizes.

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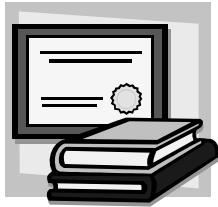
CHI HIGHLIGHTS:

- *International acceptance for the Chi Institute: Acupuncture courses offered at Teaching Hospitals of Italy and Thailand in 2002.*
- *MS Degree in TCVM now offered to Chi alumni. Four students now enrolled (Page 8)*
- *A new TCVM book, Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine, by Drs. Xie and Preast will be available in February 2003.*
- *The first certified Veterinary Tui-na course now offered by the Chi Institute (Page 6)*
- *TCVM Continuing Education are available (Page 6)*

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Opportunities for Advanced TCVM Training

There are many opportunities to pursue advanced TCVM training. The following are a few of my recommendations:

1. Select one to three modules of TCVM Clinical Approach / Chinese Veterinary Herbology each year. These courses deeply discuss TCVM theory and principles, Chinese herbal medicine and TCVM approach for Western diseases/diagnosis. Live canine and equine patients are also available for the tongue and pulse diagnosis wet labs. You will have an opportunity for lots of hands-on patient examination experience with guidance from the instructors. The goal of these courses is to sharpen student's TCVM clinical skills and augment their understanding with advanced knowledge of TCVM theory and Chinese herbology. (Please see page 6 for dates.)
2. Participate in the annual TCVM conference. The topic for year 2003 is Tui-na: Chinese medical manipulations. (Please see page 6 for dates.)
3. Apply for a Master's Degree in TCVM. (See page 8 for more information.)

If you seek assistance with your mystery cases or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email, fax or phone. My new email address is: shen@chi-institute.com

Sincerely,

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HOW TO
PURSUE
ADVANCED
TCVM
TRAINING

PRAISE FROM A CHI GRADUATE

Paraphrased excerpts from a letter from Kim Curtis, DVM to Dr. Xie



...I will relate the extreme joy and satisfaction I have gained from the use of the knowledge from the Chi Institute. Each time people ask me where I studied TCVM, I proudly tell them about the Chi Institute and its mission. I always mention that the class size is manageably small with lots of opportunity for hands-on training which is critical for veterinarians in practice...I also tell people about the Tai Qi and Qi Gong sessions that are part of the curriculum, and I explain that these tools make us better practitioners by helping us keep our Qi strong and flowing.

Needless to say, I have referred all interested veterinarians to the Chi Institute as the preferred alternative to other animal acupuncture schools out there for all the above reasons...

I can't thank you enough for the great work you are doing and for the information you disseminate to our western veterinary minds...Keep it up, Dr. Xie.

ACUPUNCTURE ISN'T JUST FOR DOGS ANYMORE...

By Signe Beebe DVM, CVA

Late last spring I received a phone call from the local zoo asking if I would consider doing acupuncture on one of the animals that had injured herself. That animal was Ursula, a nineteen year old, 250 pound American black bear.

Ursula still had all of her own teeth and claws. Ursula had injured herself only one month after being relocated to the zoo after a lifetime of private ownership. She had become partially paralyzed in the rear legs and after evaluation by a surgeon and receiving conventional medical treatment had still never recovered the use of her rear legs. Ursula could swim in a pool and drag herself on her rump only.

After review of Ursula's medical records I felt that her prognosis was poor for recovery, because she had been down for a long time. Despite this prognosis, the zoo wanted to pursue any and all medical treatment available for Ursula as her relocation was the focus of a nationwide campaign, and she was a public favorite. So armed with my acupuncture needles, and feeling a bit anxious I set off for the zoo to actually meet Ursula up close and personal.

Like everyone else, I was used to going to the zoo and having a lot of space between myself and the animals I was viewing. Nothing could have prepared me for what was to come. Bears are very deceptive from a distance; they appear all cuddly with their fuzzy bear faces and round, plump bodies. Up close they have claws as long as my hand which make a distinct clicking sound on the cement of the enclosures. They also have prehensile noses that can turn 360 degrees, canine teeth larger than my little finger in front, and grinding molars in back like a cow.



How did I know the bear mouth has elements of both the carnivore and the omnivore? Because when you do something bears doesn't like (perhaps like placing a 3-inch acupuncture needle in their backs) they will extend their necks, open their mouths and roar loud enough to split the hairs on your head and make you jump ten feet into the air and leap across the zoo enclosure with the speed of an Olympic athlete.

In time however, Ursula learned to tolerate the placement of acupuncture needles very well. As long as her keeper Lee was around and there were enough grapes and walnuts, I considered myself safe. I performed acupuncture on Ursula every Friday for eight months. In time she would allow me to place up to sixteen needles at a time using the *Hua Tuo Ja*

Ji points and electro-acupuncture for up to 60 minutes. Ursula was also given Chi Institute herbal formulas Double P #1, Double P #2, *Bu Yang Huan Wu*, and *Wei Qi* Booster, all formulated by Dr. Xie, in addition to other herbals.

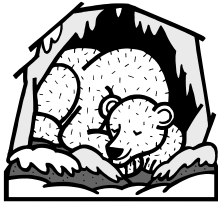
It was amazing how, over time Ursula would look forward to her acupuncture treatments the same as many of the dogs and cats I have worked on. She would see me coming and immediately come to the door of the enclosure and wait for me to come in. After treatments she would sleep for long periods of time, which she was unable to do previously. Because Ursula accepted human handling and acupuncture needles she no longer needed to be darted every time she needed a procedure done or a medication administered. This was wonderful for a bear that had been darted over twenty times in her life. Eventually, Ursula would allow me to hand feed her myself and I never did get another roar out of her.



“WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING BEARS DOESN'T LIKE ... THEY WILL EXTEND THEIR NECKS, OPEN THEIR MOUTHS AND ROAR LOUD ENOUGH TO SPLIT THE HAIRS ON YOUR HEAD AND MAKE YOU JUMP TEN FEET INTO THE AIR AND LEAP ACROSS THE ZOO ENCLOSURE WITH THE SPEED OF AN OLYMPIC ATHLETE”



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ACUPUNCTURE ISN'T JUST FOR DOGS ANYMORE...

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Ursula did not recover as we had hoped, but acupuncture and herbal medicine did improve her quality of life as seen by improvements in mobility, flexibility, relief of pain and by preventing the recurrence of her chronic urinary tract disease. The zoo was happy and appreciative of her treatment and its results.

In the end I learned some valuable lessons. I was humbled by the trust placed in me by a wild animal twice my strength and size, for me

this experience redefined the human animal bond. Who would have thought a previously wild American black bear would allow acupuncture, or take Chinese herbs? I now believe that it is possible for every animal wild or domestic to be given the benefit of acupuncture and herbal medicine. So if you are ever given the opportunity to do some "wild" acupuncture, I say go for it.

Dr. Signe Beebe is a veterinary acupuncturist certified by the Chi Institute and the China National Society of TCVM. She is the acupuncturist hired by the UC Davis veterinary school.

NEW FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES, & PANDAS

By Bob Spiegel, DVM, CVA

Jet lag is a force to be reckoned with, regardless of how much water you drink on board flight and melatonin you ingest, at least four to five days pass before the mist settles. Then, after re-entry and all the tumult of work and family subsides, the experiences of a great journey come to the forefront of your mind.

The group came together in Guangzhou, China. Dennis had been studying Qi Gong in Beijing before the conference. Cindy, Eddy, and Desiree' were on a horse trek through the Tibetan plain. Dr. Xie had been invited to speak in Thailand just before our meeting, while the rest of us made our way to Guangzhou from America. Once we all checked in to the hotel in October 7, 2002, we immediately went out for dinner.

Our sojourn was divided into three parts. Our host in Guangzhou was Dr. Hanru Liu, Dean of the Veterinary Faculty, along with his colleagues and students. The Fourth Annual International Seminar of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine was a great success. Three days were spent in lectures focused on liver and endocrine disorders. Early each day prior to lecture a group of us made our way to a public park just meters away. We found any number of people exercising, practicing Qi

Gong, Tai Ji Chuan, Tai Ji Sword, or just making their way to work. Our time practicing Qi Gong And Tai Ji Chuan in the park each morning was a real treat. The remainder of the day was dedicated to study and finally a good meal at night.

On our last night in Guangzhou we had a gala celebration to close the seminar. Dr. Luo Xiwen, the president of the university was there to host the event. There were four of us who enrolled in the first Master's program for the study of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine. There was clearly an important commitment on the part of the students; but maybe even a more significant moment for the University and the Veterinary faculty to engage the western world and provide an opportunity for serious post-graduate study. In celebration of this night of festivities the Mao Tai (Chinese Grappa) flowed. It was impossible to deny a toast; and when someone tried to substitute water for Mao Tai-caught!

The departure from Guangzhou was full of expectation. Our next stop was Cheng Du, the capital city of the Si Chuan province. Here we enjoyed the hard work of tourists. Our days were filled visits to the Panda research station, central herbal market, E Mei Shan mountain, a visit to a local farmer's home, the

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"THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE VETERINARY MEDICINE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS"



NEW FRIENDS, GOOD TIMES, & PANDAS

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panda's mountain habitat, and a tour of an orthopedic TCM clinic. We dined at a variety of restaurants, but maybe the best was at a Buddhist Temple where we had an exquisite vegetarian meal.

Finally, we ended our trip in Beijing. At this point some of us had important gifts to purchase and other's had more sights to see. Our time ran out and Friday morning the 18th of

October was upon us, a cold north wind descended upon Beijing and blew us back to America.

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ALUMNI NEWS

- All twenty-two students in the Equine Class #3 completed the basic acupuncture training course and passed the final exam on December 16, 2002. Congratulations!
- Dr. Kosei Yamagiwa, a certified veterinary acupuncturist and herbalist, has returned to practice TCVM in Japan. He successfully completed a 2-year TCVM clinical residency with Dr. Xie at the University of Florida and the Chi Institute.
- Dr. Signe Beebe, a Chi Institute certified veterinary acupuncturist, was appointed as the acupuncturist at UC Davis.
- Drs. Bruce Ferguson and Claudine Cordray led a successful Introduction to Tui-Na course for the veterinary students and faculty members in Grenada (West Indies).

TCVM NEWS IN THE WORLD

- Thai veterinary schools offer their first veterinary acupuncture training course: Dr. Chunnam Trinarong, the Veterinary Medicine Dean of Chiang Mai University, hosted the course from October 1 to 5, 2002. Dr. Shen Xie was the only speaker. Fifty-one clinicians from five Thai Veterinary Schools and the Royal Thai Army attended. Ten senior veterinary students were teaching assistants. Interestingly, many interested private practice veterinarians were not permitted to attend the course, because it was funded only by the Thai government.
- Dr. Bruce Ferguson was hired as the Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine (CAVM) course director by Saint George's University. This elective course includes three 5-hour modules discussing energy medicine, homeopathy, vaccine issues, the nature of healing, manual therapies, acupuncture, Western herbal medicine and TCVM Herbal Medicine.
- Dr. Mick Mount, a veterinary professor from UC Davis, has become a TCVM intern under the supervision of Dr. Shen Xie. He plans to stay at the University of Florida and the Chi Institute for one year.

2003 CALENDAR

- Small Animal Class 6
January 23 to 26
- Mixed Class 7
February 6 to 9
- Herbal Class 7
February 13 to 16
- Tui-na Workshop
March 5
- Herbal Class 6
March 6 to 9
- Small Animal Class 6
March 20 to 23
- Mixed Class 7
April 3 to 7
- Small Animal Class 6
May 8 to 11
- Herbal Class 7
May 15 to 18
- Equine Class 4
June 26 to 29
- Herbal Class 6
July 10 to 13
- Small Animal Class 6
July 24 to 28
- Herbal Class 7
August 14 to 17
- Equine Class 4
August 21 to 24
- Equine Class 4
October 23 to 26
- Tui-na Workshop
October 28 - November 2
- Herbal Class 7
November 6 to 9
- Equine Class 4
December 11 to 15

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2003 AND 2004 SPECIAL PROGRAMS

TCVM Clinical Approach/Chinese Veterinary Herbology

Session	2003	2004
Respiratory/Cardiovascular Module	—	February 26 to March 1
Gastrointestinal Module	February 13 to 16	April 22 to 25
Liver/Endocrinology Module	May 15 to 18	July 22 to 25
Kidney/Geriatric/Urinary/Reproduction Module	March 6 to 9 August 14 to 17	September 16 to 19
Dermatology/Immune-mediated Module	July 10 to 13 November 20 to 23	December 2 to 5

A continuing education series for those who have completed the basic acupuncture training. These courses feature Tongue and Pulse diagnosis, real case studies, a TCVM approach to Western diseases, Herbal medicines, and advanced TCVM principles and theories. Visit the website for class details: www.chi-institute.com

Tui-na: Chinese Medical Manipulations (5th Annual TCVM Conference)

Date: October 28 to November 2, 2003

The class will teach equine and canine Tui-na, massage and other classical techniques. Lectures are held in the morning, and the lab is in the afternoon.

6th Annual TCVM Conference and China Tour

Date: October 9 to 20, 2004

This is a 5-day advanced seminar which will cover the TCVM approach to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. The four top Chinese TCVM experts will be present at this conference.

The tour will include two days of hiking on the famous Yellow Mountain in the An-hui Province, two days of boating at West Lake and biking in Hang-zhou in the Zhe-jiang Province. In addition, participants will tour the TCM/TCVM hospital, the Veterinary School and Herbal Manufactory, the Herbal Gardens and many other locations.

If signed up by August 31, 2003, the cost is \$2,900. This includes transportation within China, accommodations, tours, conference and proceedings, three meals a day and TCM well-care activities (TCM food therapy, Tai-Ji, and Qi-Gong). The price, however, does not include the cost of the airline ticket to China. This conference and tour is limited to 30 participants. Sign up early to reserve your space.

MASTER'S DEGREE IN TCVM

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Curriculum:

The four segments consist of the following:

1. Basic acupuncture training
2. TCVM Clinical Approach and Chinese Veterinary Herbology
3. Advanced TCVM Training
4. Clinical Research/Thesis

Students may engage in the classes in any order except for the basic acupuncture course, which must be completed first.

Duration:

Between 2 to 10 years may be necessary to complete the program.

How to apply to the program:

1. Call the Chi Institute at 352.591.5385 x2754 to obtain the application form.
2. Send your application to the Chi Institute with a \$50 check for the application fee.
3. Take the Basic Acupuncture Course.
4. Take the other courses.
5. Those who have completed the Chi Institute basic acupuncture, Chinese Veterinary Herbology courses, and the annual conference are only required to take two trips to China for additional high level TCVM training.
6. Conduct the clinical trials and complete the thesis.



Segment	Course Name	Credits
Veterinary Acupuncture Training Course #: 0110 to 0140	Basic Acupuncture 1	3
	Basic Acupuncture 2	3
	Basic Acupuncture 3	3
	Basic Acupuncture 4	4
TCVM Clinical Approach and Chinese Veterinary Herbology Course #: 0210 to 0250	TCVM Cardiovascular Diseases and Herbology	3
	TCVM Gastrointestinal Diseases and Herbology	3
	TCVM Endocrinology and Liver Diseases/Herbology	3
	TCVM Renal-Reproductive/Musculoskeletal/Geriatrics/Herbology	3
	TCVM Dermotogy and Immune-mediated Diseases/Herbology	3
Advanced TCVM Training Course #: 0310 to 0330	Advanced TCVM Training in China 1 (Registration/Admission)	15
	Advanced TCVM Training in China 2 (Defense/Degree)	15
	Chi Institute TCVM Annual Conference	3
Clinical Trials/Thesis	Clinical Trials: Veterinary acupuncture and/or Chinese herbal medicine	60

Please contact the Chi Institute for specific course and fee information.

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MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN TCVM

Training for a Master of Science degree in Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) is now available.

Program Design:

The program will prepare licensed veterinarians to use TCVM competently for accurate diagnosis and effective treat of patients. Students gain a solid theoretical background in TCVM in addition to intensive clinical training. The program begins with hands-on point location and clinical demonstrations followed by student treatment of equine or canine patients under the supervision of an instructor. After completing the basic veterinary acupuncture training courses, students are invited to attend the TCVM Clinical Approach /Chinese Veterinary Herbology courses and the advanced TCVM training in both USA and China. Student shall also conduct supervised clinical acupuncture and Chinese Medicine trials in equine or canine patients.



This program is only offered to licensed veterinarian in Europe and the United States. This Master's Degree program is authorized and approved by both the South China Agricultural University Graduate School and Veterinary School and the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine. Students will receive a diploma for the Master of Science in TCVM once they meet all the program requirements.

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