Acupuncture

'It matters not whether medicine is old or new, so long as it brings about a cure.
It matters not whether theories are Eastern or Western, so long as they prove to be true.'

Jen-Hsou Lin

Acupuncture dates back to the traditional Chinese medicine developed 4000 years ago, describing patterns of disease in the way they affect all the body systems.
Disease is described as being a state of imbalance between two opposing poles, denoted as Yin and Yang. The art of acupuncture is to accurately identify and correct this imbalance.

Acupuncture points lie on a system of conduits or channels that carry and distribute vital energy. Each organ is represented by a channel, and therefore the theory is that disease of a particular organ can be treated by using acupuncture points on the channel that represents that organ. The points correct the flow of 'life energy' (Qi) in the channel which in turn has a positive effect on the diseased internal organ.

How does the treatment work?
Very fine 30g sterile needles are applied at the appropriate acupuncture points. Needles are gently rotated or agitated by hand — a procedure which the vast majority of patients (bovine, equine, canine and feline) seem to tolerate very happily while conscious; some even find the experience quite soporific and take the chance to have 'forty winks'!

Numbers of treatment sessions required will be determined by an initial assessment of your pet's condition, but tend to vary between one and five, with intervals between treatments governed by the animal's response to each session.
If you would like to find out more about the potential benefits of acupuncture for your pet, then please do not hesitate to speak with your vet, either in your next consultation, or by making an appointment on **01435 864422**.

Acupuncture has the potential to be used in many different complaints, particularly in cases of:

- Paralysis
- Arthritis
- Back pain
- Muscle and ligament damage
- Incontinence
- Some skin conditions, e.g. lick granulomas, chronic skin infections
- Non-specific vomiting