



### President's message

When I was beginning my canine massage career many years ago. I was told by a reader/advisor that the path I was on had never been taken before; and that it was "well paved." I interpreted that to mean I was on an exciting track of discovery and what I'd find would find acceptance.

I discovered that the type of massage I was providing was a form of trans-species connection. I was a human communicating human intentions that trigger non-human responses. Horses, dogs, cats, rats, rabbits, amphibians, fish, trees, plants, even the water in my therapy pool. I should add that my techniques were transferable; appreciated by my people clients as well.

What's truly remarkable is that you and I have joined with other like-intentioned humans in the journey of discovery. We've recognized this path's value. It's revealed our potential. Together we've made the commitment to follow it and see where it leads us.

The work we aspire to is noble. Pure. Honest.

Every massage and bodywork session requires awareness, willingness to observe, consider, and respond with integrity and wisdom. We speak with our hands and body. That's our body language. We apply our skills with written language as well.

The articles in this quarter's newsletter reinforce our realizations about the careers we've chosen. What we do is intentionally noble. Pure. Honest.

Angelique Barbara talks about supporting the supporters, the vital role of bodywork for therapy horses.

Tara Trewinnard-Boyle talks about the satisfaction she feels empowering owners through hands-on learning.

Tori Hanson shares her 2 month case study: the results of working with a Maine coon, named Big Bad, who'd been diagnosed with a patella fracture.

Karen Lithgow describes the profoundly valuable role of osteopathy in palliative care.

In "Back to the Roots" the story of the birth of Grigio Animal Wellness, David Medeiros describes his holistic animal care gives Brazilian expats living in Florida the comfort of cultural connection.

Katie Buncombe talks about how it takes a team working together with one common goal, the well-being of the horse, for effective therapy. "It's exactly why we do what we do."

In my article I describe the keys, as I see them, to successful canine massage - to assist dogs back towards their dream homeostasis.

Also please note the geographic diversity of our member contributors. The US, US/Brazil, UK, Canada, and New Zealand. This reflects the "I" in IAAMB/ACWT!

I'm so pleased to be a member of this association. Thank you for choosing to hike this path with me.

Jonathan Rudinger, President

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## Supporting the Supporters: The Vital Role of Bodywork for Therapy Horses

By Dr. Angelique Barbara, Angel's Animals Holistic Studies

Equine-assisted therapy programs rely on some of the most emotionally intuitive and physically resilient horses in the industry. These therapy horses provide calm, stability, and connection for individuals with a wide range of physical, cognitive, and emotional needs. Yet, too often, their own well-being is overlooked. Regular bodywork—such as massage, kinesiology taping, craniosacral therapy, and neuro-myofascial release—is not just a luxury; it's an essential part of keeping these horses sound, comfortable, and able to perform their important work.

At Angel's Animals Holistic Studies, we've seen firsthand how targeted bodywork can extend the careers and improve the quality of life for therapy horses. Many of our case studies come from active therapeutic riding programs and showcase the complex needs of these equine partners.



For example, *Bear*, a 23-year-old therapy horse carrying riders up to 220 lbs, showed bilateral atlas reactivity and pelvic strain from repeated physical demand. With Animal Neuromyofascial Release (ANMR) and taping to support the cervical spine and sacrum, we saw improved posture and tension reduction.

*Mandy*, a small pony used extensively in hippotherapy, presented with lower neck reactivity worsened by carrying a rider beyond her size range. Bodywork and targeted kinesiology taping helped restore balance and reduce stress in her postural muscles.







*Bailey*, a senior horse and former barrel racer, was recently diagnosed with laminitis. After being pulled from the program, she benefited from lymphatic taping to the front limbs and gentle ANMR to relieve back and hip pain caused by compensatory strain.

These horses are not just mounts—they are therapeutic tools, emotional anchors, and trusted teammates. The demands placed on their bodies, especially when working with riders who may shift unexpectedly or have limited balance, create unique biomechanical challenges. Without intervention, these can result in chronic pain, behavioral changes, or early retirement.

Incorporating holistic bodywork into a therapy horse's routine supports physical comfort, prevents injury, and fosters a better partnership between horse and handler. Whether you're a practitioner, volunteer, or program director, recognizing and addressing the physical needs of therapy horses ensures they can continue their work safely and happily.

Bodywork isn't just about recovery—it's about honoring the essential service these horses provide. Let's support our healers with the care they deserve. Learn more about these techniques by visiting [www.HolisticAnimalStudies.net](http://www.HolisticAnimalStudies.net).



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My mission goes beyond treating dogs - it's about empowering the people who love them. I believe that informed, confident owners are a powerful force in improving their dog's quality of life, especially when dealing with age-related or chronic conditions.

After completing my first course online with the Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure and Massage, I knew I needed hands-on professional training if I was going to be an effective practitioner. I travelled to Colorado to complete my additional massage qualifications in person, and I waited to launch my business until I was fully certified. I also work at Black Dog Physio, where I've trained under a qualified Canine Physiotherapist. This experience has given me invaluable exposure as a Physio Technician, working with dogs of all sizes, breeds, and conditions.

Continuing this commitment to education, I'm about to begin a Canine Hydrotherapy course with K9 Aqua Ltd, specifically chosen for its required practicum component. I believe practical training and real-world experience make us better practitioners - and better teachers.

That belief is at the heart of how I work with clients. One recent case involved a senior dog living with chronic CCL disease and arthritis.

Surgery wasn't an option, and while his owners had been trying to help him with massage techniques found online, they didn't feel confident and were worried they might accidentally make things worse.

We decided on a six-session plan with two goals: to provide hands-on assessment and treatment for their dog, and to teach the owners how to safely and effectively support him at home. Over those sessions, they practiced basic massage techniques, range of motion, stretching, and simple strengthening exercises. We also explored lifestyle modifications to help reduce his stiffness and discomfort.

By the end of the sessions, this beautiful boy was moving better, looking more relaxed, and clearly feeling more comfortable. But just as special was seeing the owners grow more confident with every visit, knowing they could now help their dog in a real, hands-on way.

I got into this work because I wanted to give back to dogs, and I feel incredibly lucky to be able to do that every day. But it's been just as rewarding to discover how much I can give back to owners too. Helping people understand their dog's body and feel empowered to be part of their care builds stronger bonds and better outcomes – and to me, that's what it's all about.

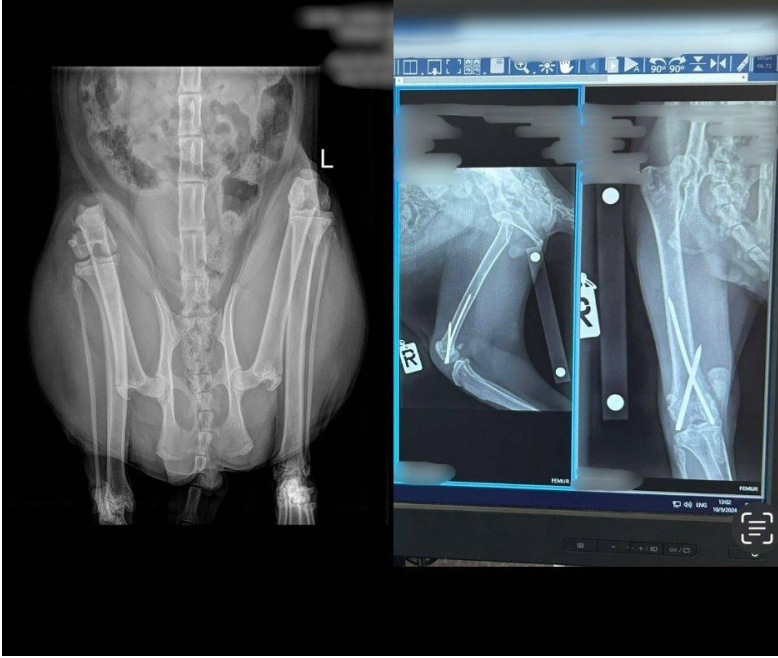


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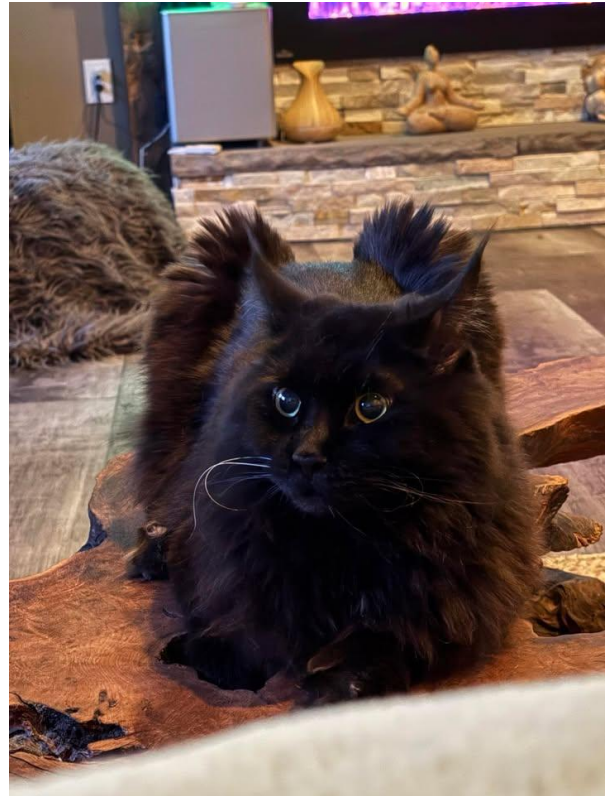
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## Big Bad (2-year-old Maine Coone) Case Study By Tory Hanson

Big Bad (2-year-old Maine Coone) was diagnosed in September 2024 with a right hind leg patellar fracture. He was transported to emergency surgery, where rods were placed into his knee to stabilize the bone while the body sought to heal itself. The procedure was successful, and after a few months of healing, the rods were removed from his leg. Unfortunately, a post-surgical misdiagnosis error caused significant inflammation in his hip socket, preventing the joint from sitting and functioning properly. Big Bad was in constant discomfort and could not walk without a significant limp.



His owner, concerned that he could not walk, returned to the vet for an opinion, who diagnosed it as arthritis caused by the accident and operation. Unsatisfied with the answer given to her, Big Bad owner contacted me in January of this year, distraught after the vets left her with little hope of her cat being able to move normally. I began my first session with an assessment and reviewed all of the X-rays, noting that the hip was not properly positioned. Big Bad owner sent him back to the vet for another X-ray, and at that time, it was indeed determined that the hip socket was inflamed and not allowing the hip to sit in position.



With no acknowledgement from the veterinarian staff to correct the surgical blunder, his owner chose to continue with holistic massage and infrared treatment. I began my sessions with lengthy relaxing effleurage strokes around the body, followed by t-touch circles around the base of the head, while my infrared pad was active on his right hind leg. The infrared pad would run for 15 minutes and turn off automatically. I found that using the pad first helped to warm the muscles, increased the blood circulation, and reduced inflammation, while also relaxing Big Bad. Once he was comfortable with the massage and the infrared treatment was complete, I would gently work on the glutes, fascia lata, biceps femoris, and sartorius muscles using effleurage, petrissage, stripping, and friction.

During our sessions, Big Bad's face would soften, and he would often lie stretched out on the floor. After two one-hour sessions, he started to terrorize his siblings, jump up on furniture once more, and interact with his owner and guests again. After six more 30-minute sessions, he can now run about the home without any signs of inflammation, lameness, discomfort, or pain. In the two months that I saw Big Bad every week, he made a remarkable recovery using only holistic techniques.

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Palliative care is often misunderstood as passive or limited to end-of-life scenarios. In reality, it's about relieving discomfort, supporting function, and preserving quality of life, especially when curative treatment is no longer an option. Osteopathy offers a powerful, non-invasive complement within this care framework.

At the heart of osteopathic medicine lies the belief that the body is an integrated whole, where structure and function are in constant relationship. In palliative care, this philosophy becomes deeply relevant. Gentle osteopathic techniques, such as articular balancing, cranial therapy, and functional techniques, can help reduce tension, ease restricted motion, and support physiological processes that maintain well-being.

A key player in this process is fascia: the dynamic, intelligent tissue that surrounds and permeates every part of the body. Fascia is more than connective tissue; it acts as a messenger, a protector, and a bridge between systems. It carries

neurological receptors, facilitates lymph flow, and plays a vital role in the regulation of pain and proprioception. By engaging with the fascia through touch, osteopaths can support the body's homeostatic mechanisms, even when disease cannot be reversed.

In ageing or chronically unwell animals, dysfunction often develops silently. Owners may report vague changes, such as their animal seeming less engaged, more withdrawn, or wary of being touched. These subtle signs can reflect deeper systemic imbalances. Osteopathy allows practitioners to assess the body manually, identifying areas of restriction, asymmetry, or altered tissue tone; often before these translate into overt pain.

The impact of treatment isn't confined to the animal. There is a profound emotional dimension to palliative care, and the sense of relief owners feel when they see their animal more comfortable cannot be underestimated. That improved comfort can lead to renewed appetite, mobility, even playfulness; all meaningful outcomes when quality of life is the priority.

Crucially, osteopathy doesn't compete with veterinary medicine; it supports it. When integrated into a collaborative care plan, it can reduce the burden on pharmacological management, enhance movement, and help regulate internal systems, including the nervous, endocrine, and lymphatic networks.

Osteopathy in palliative care is not about curing. It's about easing. It's about noticing what's been lost and gently helping the body reclaim what it can. It's a hands-on reminder that even in decline, there can be dignity, comfort, and connection.



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## It Takes a Team: Prioritizing Communication for the Horse's Welfare

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At the heart of every equine professional's work is one common goal: the wellbeing of the horse. Whether you're a vet, farrier, physiotherapist, chiropractor, or massage therapist, your skills and dedication contribute to a much bigger picture. But too often, these efforts happen in silos—and the horse ends up paying the price.

In an ideal world, equine care would be driven by open dialogue, mutual respect, and collaboration. But the reality is, there's a prevailing sense of competition. Professionals hesitate to speak with one another, or worse—undermine each other's observations. Communication breaks down, and the horse's needs become secondary to egos and territory lines. That's not why we do what we do.

Every member of an equine care team brings a valuable perspective. A vet may spot early signs of lameness, while a farrier may notice subtle imbalances in gait during routine trimming. A physio might detect muscular asymmetry, while a chiropractor picks up spinal restrictions. A massage therapist may identify tension patterns linked to saddle fit or training issues. Individually, these insights are powerful. Together, they can be transformative.

When professionals work collaboratively—sharing findings, aligning treatment plans, and updating each other on progress—the result is a cohesive, comprehensive approach. The horse receives continuity of care. Treatments are better targeted. Outcomes improve. But beyond the technical benefits, it's simply the right thing to do. Horses can't advocate for themselves. They rely on us—humans who've chosen careers rooted in compassion and a love of these animals—to be their voice and their team.



It's time to shift the culture. Let's pick up the phone, send that message, or have that conversation at the yard. Let's move from isolated expertise to integrated care. Not because it's easier, but because it's better—for the horse.

Because in the end, working together isn't just professional courtesy. It's a responsibility. And it's exactly why we do what we do.



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## Back to My Roots: A Professional Journey and the Birth of Grigio Animal Wellness

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My name is David Medeiros. I am a licensed veterinarian and physical therapist in Brazil, as well as a Certified Animal Bodyworker in the United States, with over 14 years of experience in animal rehabilitation and wellness. After moving to the U.S. in 2022, I temporarily stepped away from clinical work to explore new paths. However, my passion for providing integrative care to animals never left me. That passion, combined with a deep desire to serve my community, led me to create Grigio Animal Wellness.

Grigio was born from a vision of combining technical expertise, empathy, and knowledge in a personalized and respectful approach to animal care. Inspired by Grigio, the legendary dog who protected Don Bosco, I chose this name as a symbol of loyalty, protection, and hope—values that guide every session.

Today, I work as an Animal Wellness Practitioner in the Winter Garden and Orlando area, with a special focus on serving the growing Brazilian community living in Florida. Many pet parents who move to the U.S. face cultural and language barriers and often miss the kind of care that truly understands their routines, concerns, and values. That's why offering services in Portuguese—with active listening and mutual trust—has become one of the most fulfilling parts of my journey.

All my services are provided in-home, always respecting the animal's limits and integrating manual therapies, functional strengthening, kinesiology taping, phototherapy, and laser-puncture. In every session, my goal is not only to relieve physical discomfort but to restore comfort, mobility, and quality of life.

Being a member of IAAMB strengthens my commitment to ethics, continuing education, and excellence in animal care. It is an honor to be part of a network that values evidence-based practices and true well-being for

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## Historical perspective: Protests in Canine Massage

By Jonathan Rudinger



Protests all over the planet are revealing a lot about us and our culture. We're learning that there are disconcerting versions of our history, our education, our culture, even our unconscious narratives.

Our civilization is evolving. All around the world people are expressing informed variations of the history they thought we'd learned. We are addressing and engaging in some serious life-and attitude-altering conversations.

For some of us it's too frightening to consider alternative points of view and we prefer to cling tightly to what we believe we know. Others of us are eager to discover other cultures with the intention to blend or accommodate the best of their perspectives.

When we hold a space that is open to communication, there is always some unsettling discomfort; and yet our goal is to participate in and honor the conversation, applying the 3 Graces of Respect, Appreciation, and Love.

Protests can be very influential. An individual or small group will notice that something in their lives can be better; and be so moved by what they feel, that they speak out. They organize gatherings, give heartfelt speeches, and create banners to attract like-minded supporters to their ranks. What begins with one person can quickly expand, influencing an entire community's thoughts, feelings, and actually change long-established behaviors.

We see this playing out on the macro level. Worldwide protests are challenging the consciousness of society and potentially shifting it.

On the micro level, it's what we animal massage and bodywork professionals are doing in each session.

Dogs bodies, horses bodies - every bodies - are happiest when all of the parts of them are functioning easily and as they should. We all crave the comfort of homeostasis.

When some aspect of the body politic is misbehaving, that part, or a representative of that body part registers its complaint. From the perspective of animal massage, what is a cardiovascular constriction, a swelling, a sore, a limp, or an acting out, if not a commentary by the body about its current state of affairs?

When we're hungry, our tummies growl. When we're deficient in magnesium, we get leg cramps. When we're dehydrated, we get thirsty, headaches, heart palpitations, or confusion. These are protests by, and for, the body. It's the body's way to draw attention to what's needed and where it's needed. The protester makes sure its demands are heard and keeps it up until they're acknowledged. This is the Body's Language.

Palpation in canine massage allows us to feel the disgruntled muscle or nerve cells, that want to shift the conversation of the body politic. Our attention is drawn to them as if they were brightly colored lights, bullhorns, and bouncing banners. We sense tightness, heat, stagnation, fluttering, and any imbalance, as signals in real time, as they are happening.

Canine massage addresses whatever the body has identified, in the body and the mind. The CTA, Call To Action, may be

1. cognitive/thought
2. somatic/feeling, or
3. behavioral muscle memory/long-established habitual movement.



Once they have our attention, we can redirect untoward behavior, and in so doing, influence the whole of the dogs quality of life, in this moment and for the rest of her days.

The keys to successful canine massage - one that assists to assist dogs back towards their dream homeostasis - are

1. to palpate with open awareness that includes touch, intuitive thought, feeling, and subjective context
2. acknowledge the protests, and
3. assist the dog on her resolution of those physical and emotional disputes with those 3 Graces: Respect, Appreciation, and Love.



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**what** you do,  
**why** you do it, and  
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The PetMassage Institute has been offering vocational training workshops for PetMassage Aquatics since 2001. That's over 2 decades of refining and teaching aquatic canine massage!

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One trip to Toledo for one week for the hands-on course. The program also includes home study courses.

**There are 4 Workshops scheduled for 2025. Register Now online or Call/Text 419-475-3539.**

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PetMassage Training and Research Institute.

The PetMassage Aquatics for Dogs workshop program includes a 7 day hands-on on-site workshop which includes two home-study courses. The final 2 days of the workshop are advanced PetMassage Aquatics and are open to former graduates of the PetMassage Aquatics Foundation Level Workshop. PetMassage offers 6 home-study courses for continuing education, as well. Member discounts:

- 10% off on site workshops for professional members
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Canine Health and Wellbeing Academy

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## IAAMB/ACWT Preferred Educational Providers

The IAAMB/ACWT sees as an important part of its mission the promotion and development of the industry of animal massage and bodywork, which includes our educators, practitioners, and students.

IAAMB/ACWT Preferred Educational Providers are educators of animal massage, acupressure, bodywork, and energy work that have had their coursework approved by the IAAMB/ACWT Education Review Board. Only Preferred Educational Providers have the opportunity and privilege to be listed on the IAAMB/ACWT School web page, advertise in newsletters and conferences, and have their programs listed in IAAMB/ACWT School Calendars.

These are your IAAMB/ACWT Preferred Educational Providers

Angel's Animals  
Animal Massage Awareness / Massage Awareness  
Animal Reiki Source LLC  
Australian College of Animal Tactile Therapy (ACATT)  
Brandenburg Massage Therapy LLC  
BSET Academy  
Canadian Institute of Equine & Canine Body Works  
Canine Health and Wellbeing Academy  
Canine Ripples  
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EquiLearn Institute  
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Noni VanSon  
Ojai School of Canine Massage  
PetMassage Training and Research Institute  
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## IAAMB/ACWT Preferred Educational Providers

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**The following are descriptions of the schools listed on the IAAMB/ACWT website.**



### **Angel's Animals, LLC**

On-line courses in animal bodywork including massage, craniosacral therapy, kinesiology taping, body alignment, cold laser, myofascial release, reiki and more. These courses were developed by Dr. Angelique Barbara. Dr. Barbara has been passionate about animals her entire life and has spent the majority of her life studying animals (both in the classroom and in the field). Dr. Barbara started developing courses to spread her knowledge with others in 2010. Since that time, her seminars have grown, both in number and popularity. She strives to provide each participant with the most up to date knowledge, clear and accurate information, easy to read literature with quality, colored photos and individualized attention. On-line courses are available in all countries. Start anytime and work at your own pace. Contact: Angelique Barbara, M.S., D.C, [holisticanimalstudies@gmail.com](mailto:holisticanimalstudies@gmail.com), [www.HolisticAnimalStudies.org](http://www.HolisticAnimalStudies.org). IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2015.



### **Animal Massage Awareness / Massage Awareness**

Animal Massage Therapy Experts

We offer a variety of resources to help you learn how to massage your animal companion effectively to improve their health and wellness. Even if you have no experience, our courses and resources will allow you to confidently and safely massage your dog or horse. Not ready to do it yourself? No problem...

We're a team of experts in animal massage therapy who perform a variety of wellness services for animals.

Contact: Jean-Pierre Hourdebaigt, 11924 Forest Hill Blvd. Suite 10A-102, Wellington FL 33414, 561-537-0366, [www.animalmassageawareness.com](http://www.animalmassageawareness.com), [info@animalmassageawareness.com](mailto:info@animalmassageawareness.com)

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### **Animal Reiki Source®**

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Kathleen Prasad is the world's Animal Reiki pioneer and creator of the Let Animals Lead® method. This groundbreaking approach to energy healing empowers animals by honoring their agency, wisdom and independence.

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### **Australian College of Animal Tactile Therapy**

The Australian College of Animal Tactile Therapy (ACATT) was formed in 2001 after investigation into the Equine Industry and the educational needs of those that work and play within the industry, our aim was then, and is now, to address the need for professional education in Equine Therapies.

In the past 9 months we have responded to the effects of COVID-19 and adapted our courses to be run fully online with interactive online practical intensives. These practical intensives were successfully run in Australia in July 2020, and as such allowed us to confidently offer the courses fully online to those in America. ACATT courses are designed to ensure you have extensive education to become a highly proficient practitioner, a practitioner that is capable, professional, effective and sought after.

ACATT offers quality thorough education in a range of subjects including Horse Massage, Equine Sports Therapy, Equine Tactile Therapy, Horse Nutrition, Health, Gait Analysis, Conformation Biomechanics and Rehabilitation, and have 2 intakes per year to provide students with flexibility in their timing of study.

Our courses are highly professional and in-depth. Our Sports Therapy and Remedial Therapy students learn a range of techniques coupled with extensive education in the Equine Hoof, Anatomy, Exercise Physiology, Myofascial Release, Acupressure, Rehabilitation, Nutrition, Health and Biomechanics. Our professional Equine Gait Analysis Certificate teaches specifics of equine assessment, and methods of video and measurement to allow complete assessment of the horse.

We provide or direct our students to the latest study material and information, we provide training of the highest possible standard in technical knowledge, innovation, ethics and safety. Our tutors and assessors are qualified in the areas they teach and hold qualifications in training and assessment, each and every one of them work to support our students and graduates to advance their knowledge and skills.

ACATT is a Platinum level Approved Training Provider for the International Institute of Complementary Therapists (IICT), and our graduates are supported in their application to this association to enable effective networking within the industry and also access to insurance as a practitioner. We are excited to have gained Approved Education Provider status with IAAMB and look forward to ongoing association for the benefit of the equine industry. Contact: Amanda Hocking & Christine Scully, Australian College of Animal Tactile Therapy, 111 Spillers Rd., Macclesfield VIC 3782, AU, Ph: +613 5968 9788, [www.acatt.net](http://www.acatt.net), [acatt@alphalink.com.au](mailto:acatt@alphalink.com.au). IAAMB/ACWT since 2020.



#### **Brandenburg Massage Therapy**

4 day intensive hands on training and certification program in both canine and equine massage therapy. This program features small class sizes (no more than 3 students per session) and the maximum individual instruction. The course includes instruction in basic anatomy, physiology and muscle function, ethics and business development. A distant learning program for canine massage therapy (certification) is also being offered. Contact: Becky Brandenburg, 610 Hickory St., Martins Ferry, OH 43935 Ph: 740-633-6639 or 740-359-4009, [becky@horseanddogtherapy.com](mailto:becky@horseanddogtherapy.com), [www.horseanddogtherapy.com](http://www.horseanddogtherapy.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2010



#### **BSET Academy**

BSET Academy offers a unique 2-year live-in program: BSET2 Equine Practices and Equine Transeva Technique -ETT™ that is both practical and academic. Students are taught feeding, nutrition, conformation, equine health, systems of

the horse, anatomy, movement, biomechanics, investigating lameness and conditioning of the sport horse. Equine body work progresses to the application of the Equine Transeva Technique™ (ETT™). ETT™ is a unique modality specializing in the use of the W.G. Transeva along with the theories of Sir Charles Strong and the late Winks Greene to assess and address muscle function and improve performance in the equine. Students complete the program with over 600hrs of practical experience and skills to work successfully in the equine industry. Contact: Robyn Kenyon, Karkloof, South Africa Ph: +27(0) 021-4835, <http://bsetacademy.co.za/>, [info@BSETACADEMY.co.za](mailto:info@BSETACADEMY.co.za), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2020



#### **Canadian Institute of Equine & Canine Body Works**

The Canadian Institute of Equine and Canine Body Works is dedicated to bringing the best instruction and complementary professional development opportunities for body work and other animal health care modalities. Our mission and passion is to work proactively to grow the skills and value of each body worker as part of a health care team.

Delivering the internationally recognized Equinology® and Caninology® curriculum, the CIECBW delivers education that is second to none. Our instructors are hand picked industry leaders who are dedicated to producing professionals known worldwide. CIECBW is the Canadian Division of the Equinology® family working collectively and collaboratively to raise the bar for standard of care for our canine and equine companions and athletes alike.



CIECBW offers integrated, progressive, comprehensive learning for body workers, animal health care professionals, trainers, and owners with certification in foundation, advanced and master levels. We also offer modality specialization such as Myofascial Release, Neurokinetic Therapy® and saddle fitting.

We support learner success by enlisting highly competent instructors, teachers aides, examiners, staff, and we are building and expanding our support team to enable growth of this learning delivery system across Canada.

We are dedicated to professionalism and excellence and we'd love to welcome you to the CIECBW family!

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#### Canine Health and Wellbeing Academy

Certificate courses in Canine Hydrotherapy and Canine Remedial Massage.  
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#### Canine Ripples

Canine Ripples is a training course to become a canine hydrotherapist. It consists of ten online modules and three days of intensive hands on training. The online modules provide students with the theory and practical

knowledge that forms the foundation for all the healing work they will do in the pool. Students then do three days of intensive work in the pool with dogs of various breeds, sizes, temperaments and medical conditions that would be seen at a canine hydrotherapy facility. Contact: Jennifer Donaldson, B2, 248 Simpson Ave S. Unit, Bowmanville, ON L1C 2J3, Canada, 613 315 1368, [www.canineripples.com](http://www.canineripples.com), [canineripples@gmail.com](mailto:canineripples@gmail.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2019.



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#### EquiLearn Institute

The EquiLearn Institute is an Equinology® Independent Licensed Company (ILC), and we are proud to be the only school in the eastern United States with the rights to deliver the comprehensive Equinology and Caninology® programs. The EquiLearn Institute's curriculum stands out from other programs. Our courses are taught only by veterinarians and specialists in the field. Our classes feature small student-to-instructor ratios.

Contact: Courtney Molino, RVT, CERP, EEBW, CCRA, FEI Permitted Therapist, 7108 Layton Court, Elkridge, Maryland 21075 USA, 410-446-8287, [www.eli-us.com](http://www.eli-us.com), [office@eli-us.com](mailto:office@eli-us.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2021



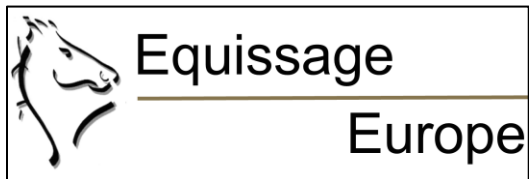
#### Equinology®

The Equinology® Approach is the cornerstone of our school! It was developed by Debranne Pattillo, MEEBW, and founder of Equinology Inc. and co-founder of the International Equine Body Worker Association and author of Anatomy of Equine Bodywork; The Equinology® Approach. Debranne has used this approach successfully for her own client base for over 30 years, and has shared it with thousands of students, many of them already equine professionals all over the world.

This unique hands-on system addresses the entire body, implementing specific manual palpation methods to assess soft tissue and symmetry of muscle and structure, and utilizing detailed static and dynamic evaluations. Different bodywork techniques, including sports massage, soft-tissue mobilization, stretching, range of motion and positioning exercises, muscle activation techniques and focal point work (stress and trigger points) are combined to provide optimal support for

horses working in every discipline. The Equinology® Approach stands out because it is comprehensively and continually anatomically referenced, as part of a team approach. The Equinology Approach reflects Debranne's passion for academic precision in exploring equine musculoskeletal anatomy, and continues to evolve from her extensive experience and ongoing learning from her human and equine colleagues and mentors.

We offer the Equinology® Equine Body Worker Certification (EEBW) Course and the Caninology® Canine Body Worker Certification (CCBW) Course to those who are looking for a serious, respected, and well-earned qualification and are willing to put in the hard work! Contact: Debranne Pattillo, MEEBW, 610 Noah Court Napa, CA 94558, 707-377-4313, [www.equinologyinstitute.com](http://www.equinologyinstitute.com), [equinologyoffice@gmail.com](mailto:equinologyoffice@gmail.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2021



#### **Equissage Europe**

Equissage is a recognized Certification training program in Equine Sports Massage Therapy. The founder of Equissage, Mary Schrieber has trained animal massage therapists from all over the world. Her students have gone on to work in all areas of the equine world, including therapists for several countries' Olympic Teams.

Equissage Europe is the same high-quality training program with the convenience of UK locations. Students follow the same intensive 5-day course following a period of pre course directed study of approximately 50 hours duration, leading to the long-awaited final day examinations.

Successful students qualify as Certified Equine Sports Massage Therapists and have the ability to become members of the International Association of Equine Sports Massage Therapists. Contact: Helen Woolley, 57 Ollands Road, Reepham Reepham Norfolk UK, 01603871894, [www.equissage-europe.co.uk](http://www.equissage-europe.co.uk), [equissageeurope@hotmail.com](mailto:equissageeurope@hotmail.com). IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2020



#### **Equi -Tape Inc. Holding**

Equi-Tape® is the first equine elastic kinesiology tape created by Dr. Beverly Gordon, an equine chiropractor and physiotherapist. The Equi-Taping™ Methodology is a modality anyone can learn to help their horse! Benefits include pain relief, increased circulation, muscle relaxation, joint support, and so much more. Equi-Tape® education is designed by equestrians for equestrians.

We are passionate about our horses and believe they deserve the best care possible. We also love empowering equestrians around the world with practical skills to improve their care and training routine. Start learning online and experience why Equi-Tape® is the world's leading brand in kinesio tape for horses!

Equi-Tape Inc. Holding is first and foremost an education company. The courses taught start with Equi-Taping™ Basics, Beyond the Basics, The Fundamentals of Equi-Taping™ the accredited course for practitioners, and advanced Modules. Rebecca Haddock, owner and Pres. of Equi-Tape Inc. Holding, is a preferred education provider with NCBTMB, IAAMB, and RACE. Equi-Tape® offers the most extensive education in equine elastic kinesiology taping in the world. As the creators of the modality we will continue to forge ahead in innovation and creation developing this versatile and expansive modality. Contact: Rebecca Haddock, Equi-Tape Inc. Holding, 17064 Blue Mist Grove, Monument CO 80132, 719-985-5244, [www.equi-tape.com](http://www.equi-tape.com), [info@equi-tape.com](mailto:info@equi-tape.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2022.



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### Hands to Hide Equine Massage

The Hands to Hide Equine Massage program is based exactly on the approach that I personally use in my own full-time equine massage business. The method focuses on finding a more natural alignment in the horse through myofascial manipulation and muscle release. I have worked on a variety of horses ranging from retired pasture pets to high level competition horses. I have had the opportunity to use my approach on many breeds from various disciplines. I have many satisfied clients and you can read some of their reviews on the Testimonials page!

Everyone who knows me can attest that I have always been a firm believer in being a forever student. I do not believe you should ever stop pursuing the acquisition of new knowledge and trying new approaches to help the horse.

Customer relationships are the foundation of the Hands to Hide Equine Massage practice both online and in-person. When someone partners with me in my program, their success is as important as my own. Choosing Hands to Hide Equine Massage is choosing a lifetime of help and support in the equine massage journey. Contact: Kristen Wilke 795 East 5th Street, Parker SD 57053, 605-770-9829, [www.handstohide.com](http://www.handstohide.com), [handstohide@gmail.com](mailto:handstohide@gmail.com). IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2022.



### Havens Therapy Bodyworkers for Equine & Canine

Leah saw a need for compassion and understanding, starting 20 plus years ago saving and rescuing horses from starvation, physical and mental abuse. Leah decided that instead of cleaning up after people, helping educate them was a better option on the mental & physical care required for their four legged companions. She remembers seeing her first horse ever get a treatment and was hooked. She would read every book she could get her hands on and ask a million questions and was always told "THIS IS NOT FOR YOU. STICK TO WHAT YOU KNOW!"

Well what she knew is 98% of the suffering and mismanagement of these animals COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED if the right knowledge and training was given to the owners

After years of struggling to find the right connection for schooling and training to get her Certifications, she found the answer to offering schooling for others that would work and get the information to her students not only online but over the phone and face timing. Jumping in with both feet, hands and horse she took her knowledge and applied it all to her online school courses.

Leah continues to learn and apply new ideas of training to help owners and practitioners continue their education. Yes the online school will slow things down for some and for others will be a great refresher. Leah can't wait to meet you all with smiles for helping equine and canine

Leah still gets nervous to this day when working on horses which is a good thing, this is a reminder to take your time and listen to the horse (s) as he / she speaks to us through their body language.

Looking forward to helping you and your horses & canines. Contact: Leah Batchelor, Box 6, Site 17, RR 2, Sexsmith, Alberta Canada, T0H 3C0, Phone: 780-568-4870, [shaven2023@gmail.com](mailto:shaven2023@gmail.com), IAAMB/ACWT Member since 2017



### Institut Thérapeutique Canin

Are you interested in animal massage? The Canine Therapeutic Institute on the South Shore of Montreal and Montreal offers quality training.

To become a professional in animal massage, register for our training. We offer full courses a minimum of 575 hours. The training includes learning about anatomy, canine physiology and massage theory. We will also teach you the best way to create a positive work environment,

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#### **La Paw Spa Academy of Canine Aquatic Studies**

Offering a 50 hour and 100 hour certification program in canine water therapy. These training opportunities are completely hands on. Fully committed to sharing all that she has learned, Cindy Horsfall of La Paw Spa offers enthusiastic support, insight and a wealth of personal experience to anyone wishing to learn more about the wonderful world of canine hydrotherapy. Contact: Cindy Horsfall, 325 E Washington Street #237 – Sequim, WA 98382, 425-222-9663 / 360-582-9663,

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#### **London College of Animal Osteopathy**

As a leader in animal osteopathic education, London College of Animal Osteopathy (LCAO) provides the highest level of training to members of the veterinary and animal care community, osteopaths, and musculoskeletal therapists interested in expanding their career into the field of animal osteopathy.

LCAO's International Diploma in Animal Osteopathy leads to the qualification of Animal Osteopath and includes both equine and canine training curriculum. You may choose to pursue either stream separately, earning International Diploma in Equine or Canine Osteopathy. A self-paced, online learning format allows you to enroll in the program anytime and work on your studies from anywhere in the world. LCAO graduates have an option to join the Master Class, hands-on clinical training, held in France, United Kingdom, USA, Canada, and Australia.

Students learn under the tutelage of Prof. Stuart McGregor (DO, Animal Osteopath, UK LCAO Director of Clinical Studies).

Stuart is acknowledged as a leading world expert in the field of animal osteopathy. Having graduated from the European School of Osteopathy in 1984, he holds 35 years of practical and teaching experience. Prof. McGregor has trained the majority of animal osteopaths working in the UK and many other countries around the world today. Contact: Gabriel Walker, 380 Wellington St, Tower B, London, Ontario N6A 5B5 Canada, 1.833.201.3456,

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The Academy is also home to a unique equine "Fergus". Based on a lifelike 15hh model horse, Fergus is detailed with a full equine skeleton on one side and layers of muscles on the other, he is an invaluable, interactive learning tool for our students. Meadowbrook Equine Therapy.

All of our Professional courses accredited by Rural Skills, we are an IAAMB UK Preferred Education Provider and we are registered on the UK Register of Learning Providers. Our courses are recognized by all main insurance companies and the IAAT & IAAMB.

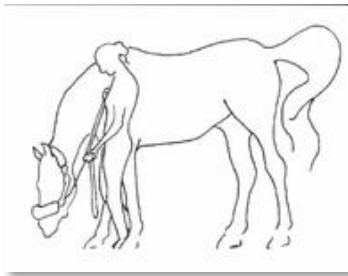
## Passionate & Professional Education

All of our courses are fully accredited and externally verified by Rural Skills to ensure we deliver the highest standards of education for our students. The Academy prides itself on going that extra mile for our students, to ensure you graduate with the highest levels in practical and theoretical skills, to allow you to be the best in your industry.

As part of our commitment to delivering high quality equine therapy education, we are accredited with the International Association of Animal Massage & Bodywork (IAAMB), as a preferred educational provider in the UK. This applies to our Diploma course and all current and future CPD courses. We are governed by Internationally recognised standards of practice and education, hence when studying with us you can be confident of receiving the most comprehensive education available in the industry, with transferable skills worldwide.

Collectively our tutors have over 60 years equine experience with a number of qualifications in both human and equine modalities. Our courses are delivered with ongoing comprehensive support throughout and also beyond graduation.

Our flagship course, Level 3 Diploma in Equine Sports & Rehabilitation Massage takes a blended learning approach, with a mixture of online and hands on practical learning. We also offer ongoing CPD workshops, owner's certificates and a range of further certifications which we aim to build upon in the future. Contact: Alison Gregg, The Old Laundry, Bellaport Home Farm, Bellaport Road, Norton in Hales, Market Drayton TF94AZ, +44 7917688638, [www.meadowbrook.co.uk](http://www.meadowbrook.co.uk)  
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### Noni VanSon

Equine Integrated Bodywork, levels 1 and 2, at State University of New York. It is a course worth 3 university credit hours, taught 3 hours once a week for the semester, with an additional 3 hours of hands-on independent work, plus studying texts. The course includes a significant amount of equine functional anatomy as well as techniques for sports massage, structural balancing, and rehabilitation. How to perform thorough functional and postural assessments as well as how to devise a holistic treatment plan for the individual horse are also important goals of the course. Contact: Noni VanSon, The Right Touch, Ph: 845-304-0579 (C), 518-329-4438 (T), <http://righttouch-equinemassage.com/>, [noni\\_vanson@righttouch-equinemassage.com](mailto:noni_vanson@righttouch-equinemassage.com).

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### Ojai School of Canine Massage

The Ojai School of Canine Massage is a NBCAAM and IAAMB approved school offering both a 200-hour Canine Massage onsite certification program (100 onsite hours and 100 online hours) and a 200-hour Canine Massage Distance Education certification program.

Our goal is to provide professional training, of the highest quality, in Canine Massage Therapy. Our comprehensive courses are designed to provide each student with the most current information available in the field of Canine Massage. We prepare our students to enter the workforce as professional certified Canine Massage Therapists. Our programs offer training for pet lovers, groomers, dog walkers, Vet Techs, private practice, and those interested in working with animals. Classes are limited in size allowing for a more personalized educational experience. Our classes provide, first and foremost, an environment of safety and well being (emotional and physical) for both our animal clients as well as their guardians. From here, we offer a comprehensive education in Canine Massage including Anatomy/Physiology, Meditation, Swedish massage, Acupressure, Myofascial Release, Trigger Point therapy, TTouch, Sports massage, Energy work, and more. Classes are taught by Nick J. Scott, Co-founder and Instructor of the Ojai School of Canine Massage for more than 16 years. He created and is featured in his Instructional DVD, Therapeutic Holistic Dog Massage. Contact: Nick J. Scott, LMT, Instructor, P.O. Box 1263, Location: Ojai, CA 93024, Ph: 805-640-9798, [osomhealth@gmail.com](mailto:osomhealth@gmail.com), [www.ojaischoolofmassage.com](http://www.ojaischoolofmassage.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2010.



### **PetMassage Aquatics Training and Research Institute**

offers vocational training certification programs for PetMassage Aquatics.

PetMassage Aquatics combines in-hand, aquatic movement and canine massage as adapted to be delivered in a heated pool, assisting dogs from puppy growth plate issues to hospice care. The practice of PetMassage Aquatics is readily accepted by both pet parents and veterinarians.

Workshops are 7 straight days of on-site hands-on training focusing on the skills and factual information you need to develop a confident and successful pool-based dog hydrotherapy practice/business. Course program includes 2 home-study courses in basic canine anatomy, and dog handling in canine massage.

On-site training includes

- essential dry and aquatic canine massage techniques.
- pool management
- PetMassage dog handling skills with dogs in the pool.
- specific hydrotherapy techniques to address and support vet diagnosed physical/energy conditions.

Workshop dates are on-line and classes are limited to six students. PetMassage Aquatics needs to be accessible to every dog, wherever they live, whatever their condition.

The PetMassage Institute has been offering vocational training programs for dry canine massage since 1997 and PetMassage Aquatics since 2001. That's 25 years of refining and teaching canine massage!

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### **IAAMB/ACWT preferred educational providers since 2010. Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure & Massage**

on-site certificate programs in Canine and Equine Acupressure and Massage, as well as, elective courses: Reiki, Animal Communication, PetTech CPR, Aromatherapy and Essential Oils for Animals. Correspondence certificate programs are also available in Canine Massage and Acupressure. Financing options available!

Founded in 2003, Rocky Mountain School of Animal Acupressure Massage (RMSAAM) one of the first schools to become approved and regulated for offering technical continuing education credits Veterinary Professionals Registry of Alternative and Integrative Veterinary Medical Education (RAIVE) Provider # 2013-4: All RMSAAM faculty members are educated professionals with extensive training, fieldwork and teaching experience. All of our instructors are required to obtain professional teaching credentialing by the state of Colorado. Each teacher brings their own experiences and approach to the classroom, while abiding by RMSAAM's strict set of teaching standards and curriculum, to create a dynamic environment, consistent program, and the highest of standards for our profession. RMSAAM has two locations at the base of the Rocky Mountains, and one in Florida. All campuses are inspirational settings for learning the art of massage and acupressure for animals. RMSAAM is approved and Regulated by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, Division of Private Occupational Schools and approved by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) as a continuing education Approved Provider #719; Florida Board of Massage Therapy, Approved Provider #50-11390; Registry of Alternative and Integrative Veterinary Medical Education (RAIVE) Provider # 2013-4: Offering Technical Continuing Education Credits for Veterinary Professionals.

We are dedicated to upholding the highest standards of practice in the industry. For this reason, students seek out our program from around the country and around the world. For the animal lover or professional, RMSAAM is your school for success.



Our mission is to promote and enhance the well-being of animals around the world through responsible and comprehensive educational programming, classes and certificate program. Contact: Tracy Vroom, PO Box 1470 Elizabeth, CO 80107, Campuses: Elizabeth, Longmont, and Cape Coral, FL, Ph: 303-660-9390 / 1-866-903-6462 Fax: 303-379-4494, [information@rmsaam.com](mailto:information@rmsaam.com), [www.rmsaam.com](http://www.rmsaam.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2010.



#### **Schaeffer Bodyworks Equine & Canine Massage**

is committed to providing high quality Equine Bodywork education to all skill levels!

Helping people help horses is our mission!

SBW began offering Equine Massage services in the St. Louis Mo metro area in 2016, quickly realizing that there was a need for more educated owners and professionals, we started developing education opportunities in 2020.

April operates her hands on business, learning more every day to bring to her courses, offers in person one on one and group clinics as well as other informational clinics with respected fellow professionals- all while guiding her online students to acquiring skills to use for their personal horses or budding businesses! Contact: April Schaeffer Collinsville IL 62234, 618-409-0377, <https://schaefferbodyworks.com/>, [schaefferbodyworks@gmail.com](mailto:schaefferbodyworks@gmail.com). IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2022.



#### **School of Applied Integrative Therapy Equine**

The School of Applied Integrative Therapy Equine has an option for you if you have a desire to provide horses a therapeutic, non-invasive and wholehearted way to feel and perform their very best! Become a Certified Equine Bodywork Practitioner-or-add to your skills as an equine professional or horse enthusiast. Kim Kizzier Sherrodd offers a 300-hour Equine Massage Certification Program with an integrated approach to therapeutic bodywork, encouraging each learner to find their individual skills and talents while committing to a vigorous standard of practice and ethics. Contact: Kim Kizzier Sherrodd, LMT, PO BOX 64, Devils Tower, WY,

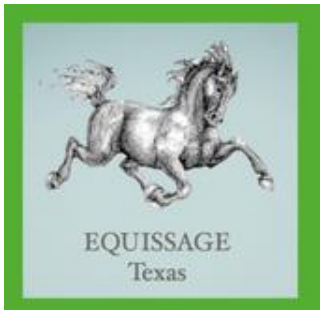
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#### **South Paw Massage and Wellness**

We offer an experience focused on your dog's total health and happiness. Improving the lives of many dogs within the Vero Beach community.

South Paw Massage and Wellness was founded in 2015 by the owner, lead therapist and board certified canine massage therapy and educational provider, Stacy Gradel. It was a car accident that lead her to this path and journey, well it turns out this was not by accident after all. This was the journey she was meant to pursue and her connection with animals and healing speaks for itself. Contact: Stacy Gradel, Vero Beach FL, 772-766-1055, [www.southpawflorida.com](http://www.southpawflorida.com), [southpawflorida@gmail.com](mailto:southpawflorida@gmail.com), IAAMB/ACWT PREP since 2021



#### **Symmetria LLC & Equissage Texas LLC**

Equissage Texas. Equine Sports Massage Therapy (CESMT) 5-day on-site certification program course. The Equissage Equine Sports Massage Therapy Certification Program is an intense course that will cover all aspects of sports massage on the equine athlete and prepare you for a career as an equine health care professional. The coursework takes place Monday through Friday at our Equissage facility at the Cordillera Equestrian Center in Boerne, Texas. We spend a lot of time in the classroom, and many hours in the barn demonstrating and practicing the strokes and the sequence. Contact: Sara Berry (Lead Instructor), PO BOX 4004, Bergheim, TX 78006, [www.equissagetexas.com](http://www.equissagetexas.com)

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**Thorough Performance Massage LLC**

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