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EQUINE CHIROPRACTIC IS A FORM OF ANIMAL HEALTH CARE THAT FOCUSES ON PRESERVATION AND STIMULATION OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. THE TWO MAIN PARTS OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM COMPRISE OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD; WHILE THE BRAIN IS PROTECTED BY THE SKULL, THE SPINAL CORD IS HOUSED WITHIN THE VETERBRAL COLUMN. WHEN PERFORMING A CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTMENT, THE ANIMAL CHIROPRACTOR CONTACTS THE STUCK VERTEBRAE OR THE JOINT WITH AN ALTERED RANGE OF MOTION ALONG THE SPINE. BY RETURNING THE JOINT TO ITS NORMAL RANGE OF MOTION. THIS ESSENTIALLY "WAKES UP" THE PERIPHERAL NERVES THAT BRANCH OFF OF THE SPINAL CORD AND RETURNS NORMAL MOBILITY AND FUNCTION BY RE-ESTABLISHING NORMAL NERVE TRANSMISSION. IMPROVED NEURAL TRANSMISSION IN TURN DECREASES PAIN, MUSCLE SPASMS, INNATE IMMUNITY, IMPROVES GAIT ABNORMALITIES AND SUBTLE LAMENESS ISSUES, ALONG WITH POSTURAL DEFICITS.

ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC IS MEANT TO BE AN ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY TO BE USED ALONGSIDE TRADITIONAL WESTERN MEDICINE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE EQUINE

PERFORMANCE HORSE. ALL PERFORMANCE ANIMALS HAVE NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR ON THEIR JOINTS AND THEREFORE COMPENSATE ALONG THE SPINE FOR THESE DEGENERATIVE FORCES. ANIMAL CHIROPRACTORS ARE ABLE TO DETECT AND ADDRESS THESE COMPENSATIONS THROUGH ADJUSTMENTS TO IMPROVE STRENGTH AND MOBILITY TO ALLOW YOUR HORSE TO PERFORM AT ITS MAXIMAL POTENTIAL.