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To my TCVM Colleagues ...



In August 2004, I attended the Tui-Na Class at the Chi Institute, having made a special request to bring my Animal Rehabilitator with me. It was great to have a staff member exposed to TCVM concepts in the Chi classroom. She learned so much for her own work, and also how she could teach our clients to provide some at home care for their animals.

I am very excited that the Chi Institute will be officially offering an overview of TCVM for Veterinary Technicians in 2006. They certainly have anticipated my needs as a busy TCVM practitioner, since it is difficult to have enough time to explain these methods to prospective and current clients.

It makes so much sense to schedule time with a trained tech to give an overview of our work, so that the TCVM approach can be a welcome option for them, and later for teaching the use of Tui-na and diet. What a welcome relief that they now know the properties of food, and how to teach the client specific recipes and Tui-na techniques to use on their animal in their own homes.

As vets, we desperately need staff with some working knowledge of these basic principles in order to address clients' concerns with intelligent guidance, both in person, and on the phone. Then we have more time to diagnose, needle and pay close attention to the progress of our TCVM patients, knowing that some of the routine work will be caringly handled by a well trained technician who can not only help the animal, but communicate effectively with its owner as well.

I am looking forward to sending at least one, if not more of my technicians for this invaluable training.

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