

1) Is the province receptive to practitioners in any of the modalities to be certified outside of being a veterinarian or Animal Health Technician (AHT) (i.e.: can Doctors of Chiropractic perform on animals, can a Naturopathic doctor conduct an acupuncture treatment, could a provincially certified massage practitioner practice on an animal, could a provincially licensed physio therapist develop a rehabilitation program for an animal using physio techniques)

Non-veterinary modalities are considered viable and complimentary to other forms of medical treatment. Client consent is necessary in order to continue with alternative treatment methods. Certified complimentary therapies are encouraged to become a part of the equine team to aid in the horse's program and well being.

2) What are some of the things the Veterinarian Association (or individual veterinarian) would take into consideration while looking at a modality or practitioner?

Complimentary programs are accepted within Ontario, as practitioners do not need to have veterinary background or be accompanied by a local veterinarian.

3) Provincial Veterinary thoughts on a professional association for complimentary practitioners. What would be considered an acceptable number on annual continuing education hours for a practitioner who is a member of a professional association.

Unable to find adequate information from the *Veterinary Act* attained.

4) Vet/practitioner relationship. Should animals require written clearance for body work? Verbal clearance? Direct veterinary supervision?

The Veterinarian requires client consent, not specified to be in writing. There is not direct supervision of complimentary modalities or therapies, although the non-veterinary practitioners are recommended to the clients by the veterinarians.