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Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (V.O.M.)

V.O.M. is a healing technology that locates areas of the horse's nervous system that have fallen out of communication and re-establishes neuronal communication and thus stimulates healing. Since every tissue in the body is supplied by nerves that originate from the spinal cord, virtually any symptom can be affected by vertebral misalignment.

V.O.M. exists in between veterinary medicine and chiropractic care. It is similar to some of the chiropractic modalities and functions as it restores function by reducing subluxations as is done in chiropractic care. V.O.M. is actually a "hybrid" between veterinary and chiropractic care in that it benefits from the positive aspects of both, but is more effective than either by itself.

V.O.M. uses a hand-held device called a spinal accelerometer to diagnose and treat subluxations as well as an instrument called a Vetrostim®, which aids in myofacial release. Laser therapy is also often added to stimulate acupuncture points along the horse's meridians and stimulate cellular activity deep in the tissue. This promotes healing and releases pain-relieving chemicals in the body.

V.O.M. is used to treat a variety of conditions such as:

- Lameness (acute-progressive)
- Gastrointestinal disorders
- Performance problems
- Behavioral problems
- Endocrine disorders
- Wound management
- Soft tissue injuries
- Joint disease