



Animal Wellness & Rehabilitation C E N T E R

Dear Colleague,

My name is Amanda Pittman. Some of you may already know me from my long-standing work as an associate veterinarian at Fountain City Animal Hospital, as a relief veterinarian in your clinic, or from my freelance acupuncture business. Finally, it is with great excitement that I would like to announce the opening of Animal Wellness and Rehabilitation Center at 6221 Kingston Pike right here in Knoxville!

AWRC is truly an integrative institution, focusing on recovering wellness in the body and addressing issues such as nutrition and emotional well-being to prevent illness. With these concepts in mind, our Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine Department can offer the following services:

-Integrative medicine evaluation: an extended consultation and examination to determine the root cause of illness for complicated medical, dermatological, and behavioral cases. Should you wish to refer a patient for a consult, please send along any pertinent bloodwork or radiographs. I will send you a follow-up letter with all findings and recommendations so that you may discuss them with your client.

-Acupuncture: It's not just for treating pain! Acupuncture addresses any condition in the body, restoring balance and promoting well-being. It can help with behavioral issues, seizures, endocrine diseases, neurological dysfunction, immune-mediated disorders, acute and chronic IVDD, and so much more.

-Food therapy: From our Chinese pattern diagnosis, we can offer nutritional advice using principles of Chinese medicine and food energetics to create a diet plan that will heal and nourish. These plans are unique to the individual patient. For animals that have multiple conditions for which a single prescription diet will not suffice, custom plans can be made, taking all requirements into consideration and formulating a single recipe. For those clients simply wishing to cook for their pet, we can help them balance the diet properly.

-Herbal and other natural medicines: Chinese herbal medications work synergistically with acupuncture and food therapy. While Chinese herbals can often be as potent as traditional medications, they usually have minimal to no side effects, making them ideal for patients that cannot tolerate conventional medications. They are treasured for their ability to help the body

heal itself, rather than just treat the symptoms of the illness. Some herbals do have interactions with conventional medications. I will notify you of any new herbals or supplements prescribed for your patients and alert you of any relevant drug interactions for that patient.

AWRC is also a full-service rehabilitation center. We offer the only underwater treadmill in Knoxville outside of the veterinary school. As a Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner, I can help your patients recover from surgery, injury or just deconditioning. We also have a comprehensive obesity management program as well as athletic and geriatric conditioning programs. All pets can benefit from rehab, but here are some conditions that I see commonly:

- Post-operative orthopedic and neurological patients (TPLO, TTA, FHO, total hip or elbow replacement, IVDD, FCE, patellar luxation repair, medial shoulder instability, fracture repair, etc.)
- Non-operative neurological and musculoskeletal conditions (partial CCL tears or patellar luxation on non-surgical patients, degenerative myelopathy, brachial plexus or other nerve injuries, chronic IVDD, etc.)
- “Mystery” lameness cases

I would like very much to meet more of my fellow veterinarians in east Tennessee. Please feel free to stop by any time to see the center or ask questions. I would welcome the opportunity to be a referral partner for your practice.

Should you wish to further discuss any of our services, please feel free to call me at the office at 865-999-3880. Referral forms are available on our website: awrcknoxville.com

Sincerely,
Dr. Amanda Pittman