# Master Class on Distal Points in Large Animals

## A Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians (MAV) Master Class

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## Course Details

**Course Title:** Master Class on Distal Points in Large Animals

**Course Duration:** 1 hour CE (RACE and NYSED Approved)

**Prerequisite:** Basic familiarity with canine anatomy, gait, and rehabilitation principles

**Delivery Method:** Online, on demand, available 24/7

**Course Contents:** Recorded video, downloadable research publications, and downloadable course notes

**Assessment:** 13-question, multiple-choice, self-paced assessment

## Course Overview

This course is designed for veterinary medical acupuncturists who seek to expand the spectrum of acupuncture points they consider and implement in large animal acupuncture treatment protocols with the aim of achieving better and longer-lasting clinical results. While many equine acupuncturists only treat horses on the neck and back, Dr. Tim Holt includes acupuncture points distal to the shoulder and hip, even down to the foot. When he does, he maintains vigilance regarding safety for himself and the horse. The neuromodulatory benefits of these sites arise from their rich somatic and autonomic innervation, as compared to more proximal points.

## Notes about Nomenclature

Dr. Holt began teaching for the Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians (MAV) program in the early 1990s. He enrolled in our first course and has been with us ever since. Over the decades, some of the terminology has evolved away from those used long ago that have Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) connotations.

Some of the point attributes described by Dr. Holt may sound foreigh to you; these harken back to earlier decades when equine acupuncturists used those terms more frequently. Regardless of how we describe a point, it's the innervation and anatomic relevance that count.

## Course Completion

Participants may complete the recorded video and 13-question, multiple-choice assessment at their own pace. Downloadable research publications and course notes are included.

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## Goal for the Course

Expand the spectrum of acupuncture points considered and implemented in large animal acupuncture to achieve better and longer-lasting results.

## Learning Objectives

- Review the anatomic and physiologic significance of distal points in large animals that can be clinically valuable but are also not commonly treated in large animal acupuncture practice.
- Identify specific ways in which these points induce neuromodulation for the alleviation of pain and the restoration of physiologic homeostasis.
- Note safety issues related to needling the points when applicable and relevant.

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