

## **CHIROPRACTIC CARE FOR DOGS WITH IVDD**

Chiropractic : from Greek words meaning done by hand. It is based on the principle that the body heals itself when the skeletal system is correctly aligned and the nervous system functioning optimally.

Chiropractic adjustments gently manipulate the spinal vertebrae to correct areas of fixation or disruption. These areas show up as pain, limping, reluctance to move or posture changes such as an arched back, hanging head low or “guarding the neck stiffly.”

Certain dog breeds are born with characteristics that predispose them to neck and back problems. Chondrodystrophic breeds (short, crooked legs with a long back) like Dachshunds, Bassets, Beagles, Shih Tzus Lhasa Apso, Pekinese and English Bull dogs to name a few.

Chiropractic treatment can help dogs with intervertebral disc disease (IVDD) feel better, retain function and avoid surgery.