

Dr. Huisheng Xie DVM, PhD:

Dr. Xie came to the USA in 1994, wanting to learn more about the «high tech» side of veterinary medicine. He became a PhD candidate at the University of Florida. He is a third generation practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine; Dr. Xie watched his grandfather and father treat their human patients with both herbal medicines and acupuncture. But – when he was just a boy of eight years old, the death of his much-loved dog Shan-Shan («mountain») was to change his future choice of career – and he decided to study veterinary medicine, rather than enter medical school to become an acupuncture physician. He got his DVM in China in 1983, then obtained his Master Degree in Veterinary Acupuncture for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Beijing Agricultural University in 1988. Dr. Xie was awarded an acupuncture training diploma from the Beijing College of Traditional Chinese Medicine in 1992 and the following year received a diploma in the Advanced Acupuncture Continuing Education Program at the National Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, also in Beijing. In 1998, Dr. Xie got his PhD at the University of Florida, studying neurophysiology and acupuncture as pain relief in horses. In April 1999 he became the first University of Florida clinical faculty member devoted to Alternative Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Xie is the first clinician of Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine to ever be hired by a university in the United States. The word «alternative» is one Dr. Xie personally tends to avoid. He much prefers the term «complementary», since TCVM distinctly complements Western medicine. He firmly believes that TCVM and WM are not mutually exclusive medical systems. He teaches that the best medicine is integrated medicine – Western medicine integrated with traditional Chinese medicine.