



THE SOCIETY OF OSTEOPATHS
IN **ANIMAL PRACTICE**

A British associative model of Osteopathic synergy in Animal Practice

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Introduction

- Documented history of osteopaths treating animals in UK date back to 1946
- Osteopathic profession has doubled in the last 15 years (UK)
- Interest in animal work has rapidly increased
- GOsC became worried about governing this facet of osteopathy
- 2004 SOAP was created to support osteopathic care of animals in the UK¹

Aims

- Bring together all of the most experienced osteopaths in animal care
- Create a solid base for post graduate training
- Introduce under graduate osteopathic students to animal care within the profession
- Provide a point of contact between GOsC and the osteopathic profession

Providing post graduate lectures



Objectives

- Encourage evidence based research projects at under and post graduate levels
- Provide introductory courses for osteopaths
- Create university validated post graduate courses
- Create a point of contact for inter profession liaison
- Provide a body of osteopaths capable of giving professional advice and support to GOsC

Achievements so far

- MSc Animal Manipulation – Osteopathic Pathway, 2 year part time course. Several graduates to date²
- P.G. Cert Animal Osteopathy. 1 year part time course³
- GOsC recognition
- BEVA Allied profession recognition
- SOAP actively represents osteopaths treating animals, and acts as a point of contact for members of the public
- Has raised the profile of Animal Osteopathy in the UK
- SOAP represent osteopaths at major conferences and congress

CPD



Unique workshops



Conclusions

- SOAP offers access to research material data base
- Provides a point of contact for osteopaths and public
- Liaises closely with UK under graduate osteopathic training establishments
- Provides CPD seminars and workshops
- Represents osteopaths at veterinary congresses
- Offers member support, and help to overseas osteopathic organisations
- Is recognised and respected by the leading UK veterinary organisations²

References

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