

Neal James Sivula

Education:

Charter Fellow, American College of Veterinary Botanical Medicine, 2024
Veterinary Herbalist

Registered Herbalist, American Herbalist Guild, 2023
Western Herbalism

Graduate Diploma, College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies, 2022
Veterinary Acupuncture

Graduate Diploma, College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies, 2022
Veterinary Western Herbal Medicine

Cert IV TAE 40116, Fortress Learning, 2022
Training and Assessment Education

MDiv, Buddha Dharma University, 2018
Buddhist Ministry

Certification, College of Animal Chiropractors, 2013
Animal Chiropractic

Certification, Lisa Powers Reiki
Usui Reiki Master

Certification, Chi University 2010
Veterinary Chinese Herbology

Certification, Chi University, 2010
Veterinary Food Therapy

Fellow, American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture
Advanced Veterinary Acupuncture

International College of Applied Kinesiology, 2006
Basic Course in Applied Kinesiology

Certification, International Veterinary Acupuncture Society, 2001
Veterinary Acupuncture

Certification, American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, 1999
Animal Chiropractic

PhD, University of Minnesota, 1990-1993
Veterinary Medicine and Epidemiology

Clinical Residency, University of Minnesota, 1989-1992
Large Animal Internal Medicine

Clinical Rotating Internship, University of Minnesota, 1988-1989
Large Animal Medicine and Surgery

DVM, Ohio State University, 1984-1988
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Ohio State University 1981-1984
Agricultural Economics program

Present Positions:

Dancing Paws Animal Wellness Center
Owner and Veterinarian
Integrative clinical small animal medicine

American Journal of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine
Gainesville, Florida
Executive Editor

College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies
NSW, Australia
Professor, Webinar Manager, Podcast Host

Professional Experience:

- 1996-2001 River Valley Veterinary Hospital
Painesville, Ohio
Founder
Large Animal Medicine and Surgery
- 1993-1996 Minnesota Veterinary Hospital
Saint Paul, Minnesota
Associate Veterinarian
Large Animal Medicine and Surgery
- 1989-1992 Affiliated Veterinary Emergency Service
Golden Valley, Minnesota
Associate Veterinarian
Small Animal Emergency Medicine
- 1988-1992 University of Minnesota Large Animal Hospital
Saint Paul, Minnesota
Clinical Intern and Resident

Professional Society Memberships:

American Veterinary Medical Association
Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association- Board Member 2015-2017, President 2019-2020.
International Veterinary Acupuncture Society
American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture- President 2010-2011
American Veterinary Chiropractic Association- Board Member and Education Committee Chair 1999-2004
American Humane Veterinary Medical Association
College of Animal Chiropractors – Board Member 2010-2013
American Herbalist Guild
Veterinary Botanical Medical Association
American College of Veterinary Botanical Medicine- President-Elect 2025

Honor Societies:

Gamma Sigma Delta, 1984

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association Teacher of the Year 2014
Animal Chiropractic Hall of Fame 2023
American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture Lifetime Achievement
Award 2024

Teaching Experience:

Professional program-University of Minnesota

Clinical senior rotations
Colic team
Junior surgery laboratory
Foal team
Grand rounds
Diagnostic and therapeutic techniques
Large Animal Medicine

Equestrian program- Lake Erie College

Equine Lameness

American Veterinary Chiropractic Association approved programs

Healing Oasis Wellness Center 2005-2014
Parker University 2004-2006
Backbone Academy of Veterinary Chiropractic and Healing Arts 2005-2008

College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies

Scalp Acupuncture Course
Neuroanatomic Acupuncture Course
Webinars on Scalp Acupuncture and the Neurologic Effects of Acupuncture

Presentations:

University of Minnesota seminars
XVII World Buiatrics Conference 1992
Conference of Research Workers in Animal Disease 1992
Minnesota Association of Veterinary Technicians 1993

Midwest Veterinary Conference 2002
American Veterinary Chiropractic Association 2002
American Veterinary Medical Association 2004
American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2005
Midwest Veterinary Conference 2006
Western Veterinary Conference 2007
American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2007
Midwest Veterinary Conference 2009
American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture 2009
American Veterinary Medical Association 2009
American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2010
American Veterinary Medical Association 2011
Student American Veterinary Medical Association 2013
Southeastern Veterinary Acupuncture Conference 2013
American Veterinary Medical Association 2014
American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2014
Keystone Veterinary Conference 2016
Academy of Veterinary Acupuncturists of Canada 2016
Sofie's Seminar- Michigan Vet Med Association 2018
Western Veterinary Conference 2018
Cleveland Academy of Veterinary Medicine 2018
New York State Veterinary Medical Association 2021
Music City Veterinary Conference 2021
Academy of Veterinary Acupuncturists of Canada 2024

PhD thesis title:

“Epidemiology of enzootic pneumonia in Minnesota dairy calves”

Publications:

Refereed Journals

Sivula NJ, Ames TR, Marsh WE, Werdin RE. Descriptive epidemiology of morbidity and mortality in Minnesota dairy heifer calves. *Prev Vet Med* 1996.

Sivula NJ, Ames TR, Marsh WE. Management practices and risk factors for morbidity and mortality in Minnesota dairy heifer calves. *Prev Vet Med* 1996.

Sivula NJ. Renosplenic entrapment of the large colon in horses: 39 cases (1984-1989). *J Am Vet Med Assoc* 1991;199: 244-246.

Sivula NJ, Trent AM, Kobluk CN. Displacement of the large colon associated with nonsurgical correction of large colon entrapment in the renosplenic space in a mare. *J Am Vet Med Assoc* 1990; 197: 1190-1192.

Sivula NJ. Treatment of an Odontogenic Tumor in a Dog with Acupuncture and Chinese Herbal Medicine. *Am J of Trad Chin Vet Med* 2012; 7: 53-55.

Sivula NJ. Research and Clinical Applications of *Ren Shen* (Ginseng). *Am J of Trad Chin Vet Med* 2012; 7: 33-37.

Sivula NJ. Research and Clinical Applications of *Wu Wei Zi* (Schisandra). *Am J of Trad Chin Vet Med* 2013; 8: 57-61.

Xie H, Sivula NJ. Review of Veterinary Acupuncture Clinical Trials. *Am J of Trad Chin Vet Med* 2016; 11: 49-60.

Sivula, NJ. Scalp Acupuncture in Dogs and Cats. *Am J of Trad Chin Vet Med* 2019; 14: 71-80.

Rivers, RJ, Sivula NJ. Therapeutic Transdermal Carbon Dioxide: A Scientific Review. *JAHVMA* 2021; 65: 28-36.

Sivula, NJ. Words Matter: Integrative Veterinary Medicine and the Role of the Practitioner in Expanding Awareness. *JAHVMA* 2022; 66: 11-16.

Book Chapter

Sivula NJ. Respiratory disease of the neonate. In: *The Horse: Diseases and Clinical Management*. Kobluk CN, Ames TR, Geor RJ, eds. W.B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 1995. 1227-1234.