

## **Small Animal Neuro-Anatomical Acupuncture & Dry Needling Certification PART 2**

### **Prerequisites**

- Diploma or Degree in Physiotherapy / Physical Therapy
- Diploma in Canine Rehab, CCRT, CCRP, CCAT, CVMRT, Master in Animal Physiotherapy, Master in Veterinary Physiotherapy, Diploma in Veterinary Physiotherapy (Or equivalent)
- Rostered to perform needling techniques by their provincial physiotherapy College OR education in human Acupuncture and/or Dry Needling as evidenced by a certification (i.e. a test was conducted and the student passed) in cases where the province does not roster for needling.)
  - \*\* Completion of the Online Course – Small Animal Neuro-Anatomical Acupuncture & Dry Needling – Part 1. Course available at [www.EmbodiaAcademy.com](http://www.EmbodiaAcademy.com) \*\*

### **Course description**

This One-Day course is designed to transition physiotherapists who are educated and rostered to needle in human practice into being able to perform acupuncture or dry needling on the small animal patient. The course is taught with a western neuroanatomical approach to acupuncture and dry needling. The course will instruct participants in needling technique, point localizations, and practical dry needling skills on canine (or other small animal) patients. Safety and refinement of needling skills will be a focus. The entire course will be practical, as lecture materials will have been covered in the Online Part 1 course (prerequisite). Time will be allotted for questions and discussion.

### **Learning Objectives**

#### **Participants will:**

- be instructed in palpation, localization, and needling of acupoints on a canine subject.
- practice needling all needle-safe points from the Part 1 Online course.
- practice safe positioning (of therapist and patient).
- practice appropriate needle direction and stimulation techniques.
- be instructed in dry needling techniques.
- practice needling myofascial trigger points.

### **Course Outline**

Practical instruction and practice of needling 'opening points'

Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the head and neck

Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the shoulder



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Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the elbow, carpus, and foot  
Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the spine and pelvis  
Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the hip  
Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the stifle  
Practical instruction and practice of needling acupuncture points of the hock, tarsus, and foot  
Dry needling and ashi points (introduction & techniques)

### **Certification**

Completion of **BOTH** the online course (Part 1) and passing the examination and completion of the one-day Hands-On course (Part 2) will culminate in a **Certificate in Small Animal Neuro-Anatomical Acupuncture & Dry Needling**.

### **Registration**

Date: Sunday March 8th, 2026 - 8:30am - 4:30pm  
The Canine Fitness Centre Ltd, 4515 Manhattan Rd SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4B3  
[www.caninefitness.com](http://www.caninefitness.com)

Instructors: Laurie Edge-Hughes PT, Sandra Oxtoby PT, Jennifer Gordon PT  
Deadline for registration is: February 8th, 2026  
Cost: ARAC member (\$475 + GST), non-ARAC member (\$575 + GST)

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To register please go to: <https://arac.rostertrack.com/>

You will be invoiced via the secure PayPal system and you will have the option of paying by credit card OR PayPal debit. Payment is required at the time of registration to confirm your spot in the course.

For more information, please contact info@animalrehabcanada.ca  
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**\*\*\*Animal Rehabilitation Association of Canada reserves the right to cancel this course at any time. Course confirmation will be sent out 3-weeks prior to the start date of the course. The Animal Rehab Division strongly recommends obtaining cancellation insurance for all travel.\*\*\***