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Dr Bellini's treatments are based on fascial and soft tissue release techniques to align the bones and the dog. Initial appointments usually take an hour, and follow ups average 30 -45 minutes. Frequency of therapy is dependent on the issues being treated and the lifestyle.



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# Chiropractic Care

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It is important that we do as much  
for our dogs as they do for us.

Becoming more attuned to what  
our dog's bodies are saying will allow us  
to have longer and healthier relationships  
with our canine partners.



**At Franktown Animal Clinic, we believe chiropractic care is an important component in keeping animals sound and happy. Chiropractic medicine treats the nervous system by checking the soundness of the body's infrastructure.**

If the bones are not accurately aligned, or muscle development is not balanced, the nervous system can be compromised. This can lead to pain, injury, and behavioral issues. Understanding what is normal will help us know when musculoskeletal issues need to be considered before your pet sustains an injury.

#### **What is considered "normal"?**

All animals are different, even within the same species, but there are common signs that indicate your pet might benefit from chiropractic work.

## **When might your dog need chiropractic care?**

### **Do you have a dog who:**

- ▶ no longer enjoys things he used to do—going on walks, jumping in the car, or on the bed?
- ▶ sits with hips splayed, hind end tucked under or chest sticking out?
- ▶ sits down every time you pat his back?
- ▶ runs or trots "funny"—bunny hopping with both rear legs together?
- ▶ occasionally picks up one limb and carries it up?

***All of these can be indicators of weakness or pain in your pet's system.***

### **▶ Or, do you have:**

An old dog?

A lame dog?

A dog who has had surgery?

***All dogs can benefit from treatment!***

