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Clinical use in physiotherapy of the point Yang Ling Quan GB34

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ABSTRACT

PURPOSE

The aim of this work is to evaluate the effectiveness of the point **GB34** (*Yang Ling Quan*) during rehabilitation in dogs. **GB34** (*Yang Ling Quan*) is the HUI-meeting point of the sinews and is considered to be the main point to influence these tissues throughout the body. Acupuncture can help especially some kinds of patients that could not have many benefits from traditional treatments.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In this study we selected seven dogs affected by various musculoskeletal problems such as cranial cruciate ligament rupture, hip pain, arthrosis. During the physiatrics session the acupoint **GB34** (*Yang Ling Quan*) was stimulated with traditional Chinese needles (@Seirin) or with the laser (@K-laser). A questionnaire about the quality of life of the patient was filled by the owners at the beginning and at the end of the treatment. Part of the questionnaire was filled by the physiatrics concerning information of the patient's outgoing.

RESULTS

The evaluation of the questionnaire filled by the owners showed a positive trend of the quality of life after the treatment. Also the part of the form dedicated to the vet indicated an improved weight-bearing, pain relief and increase of the *Range Of Motion* of the affected joint.

CONCLUSIONS

The stimulation of the acupoint **GB34** (*Yang Ling Quan*) could be considered helpful in association with physiotherapy techniques for the treatment of musculoskeletal diseases. It could be useful in both forelimb (hip, knee) and hindlimb problems. **GB34** (*Yang Ling Quan*) could also be used in Jing deficiencies as joint dysplasia. However in one case we needed to do more points in association at **GB34** (*Yang Ling Quan*) for concomitant pathologies.

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