You might find yourself wishing there was something more you could be doing for your patients. Laboratory and clinical research into the pharmacological and physiological effects of herbal medicines is increasing exponentially and revealing new opportunities to help treat:

- Chronic disease
- Resistant viral and bacterial infections
- Chronic inflammation
- Tumours and metastasis
- Conditions of old age
- And many of the common disorders we see in veterinary practice

The International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) Pathways to Excellence in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine (VCHM) offers licensed veterinarians clinically orientated education and skills. All courses are delivered by the government accredited College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies (CIVT).

1. IVAS Certification in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine (VCHM)
   a. This 160 hour course enables those seeking thorough, foundational training in the field of Chinese Herbal medicine to gain skills and knowledge in the principles of VCHM. It is both practical and comprehensive and includes materia medica, classic formula study, dispensary, herb drug interactions and herbal therapeutics with an emphasis on integrative approaches, biomedical understandings of formula and case-based learning. We only use classic Chinese herbal formulas so you can obtain them virtually anywhere in the world.
   b. The course consists of 8 Modules of 20 hours each and generally takes between 6 and 12 months to complete. There will be lecture notes, video lectures, forum discussion, and reading of texts as well as assessments. You will be given 12 months to complete this self-paced course.
   c. At the conclusion of this course you will have enhanced your clinical skills and will be capable of prescribing appropriate Chinese herbal medicines safely and effectively. You may choose to continue your Herbal Medicine education by taking the IVAS Advanced Certification in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine Course.

2. IVAS Advanced Certification in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine (Available in January 2017)
   a. This will be a more in-depth course to provide you with advanced expertise in applying Chinese herbal medicine to most clinical cases, not just common disorders. You will also have an in-depth understanding of Chinese herbal medicine at an advanced level.
   b. On completion you may articulate into the degree program, the Graduate Diploma Veterinary Herbal Medicine with full recognition of prior learning and one final module to complete.

Both courses offer:

- Traditional and biomedical understandings of Chinese herbal formulas
- Flexible format via online education
- Self-paced study to fit your schedule, wherever your laptop computer may take you
- Support by experienced veterinary practitioners
If you want to extend your knowledge and add Chinese Herbal Medicine to your armory, then the IVAS Certification in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine offers you the chance to expand your treatment options in a very rational, effective and evidence-based way.

Course fees:

1. IVAS Certification in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine - VCHM (IVAS) US$2,999.00 includes enrolment and certification.
2. IVAS Advanced Certification in Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine – (Available in January 2017) ACVCHM (IVAS)

Your tuition includes:

- Enrolment
- All instruction and evaluation
- Study guides, readings, lecture notes
- Video lectures
- Case support throughout your course
- Tutor support and mentoring
- Online discussion and interaction
- Assessment
- Certification process upon completion
- Postage of Certificate suitable for framing
- Maintenance of records of Certification
- Advanced Certification includes herb samples (provided import is permitted)

You will need:

- Basic internet skills and access to the internet with good download speeds
- A headset or good speakers to listen to video lectures
- To set aside regular time each week to complete your learning and assessment tasks (nominally 3 to 5 hours per week)

Visit www.ivas.org to learn more about the Veterinary Chinese Herbal Medicine courses discussed here.

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