

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Educational Background:

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| 2016 – Present: | <b>Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation</b>  |
| 2012            | Completed the certificate of competency and fellowship offered by the College of Animal Chiropractors, and a Fellow of said College.   |
| 2009            | <b>Fellow of the American College of Functional Neurology</b>  |
| 2002 – 2003:    | Enrolled and completed the Carrick Institute, Chiropractic Neurology Program, and Master's Degree program (thirty-two modules long program).                                       |
| 1999            | Completed a short continuing education course presented by NE Seminars at the University of Tennessee, School of Veterinary Medicine.  |
| 1993            | Completed all requirements for the advanced status of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association   |
| 1992 - 1994     | Completed Level I & II from the New England School of Homeopathy   |
| 1989            | Completed the certificate of completion offered by the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association and Options for Animal Veterinary Chiropractic Center. Course length = 150hrs. |

- 1986 Received the degree of **Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Purdue University, College of Veterinary Medicine**
- 1985 Received a **BS in Animal Science** from Purdue University, completed with the first year of Veterinary School
- 1979 Achieved and was awarded the Eagle Scout rank by the Boy Scouts of America.

**Work:**

- 2013 – 2018: Faculty at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, for the “Programa de Maestria para Rehabilitación Medico Veterinaria.”
- 2007 – Present: National University of Health Sciences, Lombard, IL. IACUC Committee Member and institutional staff veterinarian.
- 2005 – Present: Adjunct faculty at the Veterinary Chiropractic Learning Centre – Ontario, **Canada**, and the Backbone Academy for Veterinary Chiropractic and Healing Arts in Sittensen, **Germany**. Both school providing postgraduate education as it pertains to Veterinary Spinal Manipulation or “Animal Chiropractic.”
- 2005 – 2008: Co-Founder and faculty at the Veterinary Chiropractic Learning Centre, Brantford, ON, Canada, and the Backbone Academy of Veterinary Chiropractic and Healing Arts in Sittensen, Germany.
- 2004 – Present Faculty and instructor at the ForVet – Centro de Educación Medico Veterinaria – Programa de Rehabilitación (Madrid, Spain).
- 2003 – 2005: Faculty at the European Academy of Veterinary Chiropractic
- 1998 – Present: Program director, faculty, and Co-Owner (with Michelle Rivera MT, VDT) at the Healing Oasis Wellness Center, a Nationally Accredited School (under the US Dept. of Education through the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and

Training (ACCET)) offering state-approved (DSPS - Educational Approval Program WI (WEAP)) postgraduate education. The Healing Oasis provides two postgraduate state-approved certification programs, Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy and Veterinary Massage and Rehabilitation Therapy. These programs are open to licensed healthcare professionals that meet the requirements set forth by this institution and the WEAP. The school also provides multiple continuing education seminars and conventions throughout the year. We have been providing yearly conferences since 2001.

1993 – Present: Co-owner of The Healing Oasis Veterinary Hospital, a 100% Holistic Veterinary Practice devoted to offering Veterinary Massage and Rehabilitation Therapy, Veterinary Chiropractic and Veterinary Chinese & Western Herbology as the primary health care modalities. The hospital also provides conventional diagnostics such as digital x-rays, ultrasound, blood chemistries, surgery and EKG among others.

1993 – 1999: Full-time instructor at the Options for Animals Veterinary Chiropractic Center

1986 – 1989: Co-Owner of the Unicorn Veterinary Clinic in Vega Alta, Puerto Rico (mixed animal practice).

1986 – 1989: Sub-Director of the Puerto Rico Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and the veterinarian in charge of the north mid-section of the Island of Puerto Rico.

#### Literature:

2023 'Veterinary Spinal Manipulative, or Animal Chiropractic in Veterinary Rehabilitation.' LoGiudice R., Rivera P., Chapter in Vet Clin North Am Small Anim Pract. 2023 Mar 28;S0195-5616(23)00027-X. doi: 10.1016/j.cvsm.2023.02.008

2023 "Spinal Manipulation (Chiropractic) and Seizure Management – Can Veterinary Spinal Manipulation Be Used As Adjunct Therapy for Managing Domestic Animals Experiencing Seizures?" Rivera P., LoGiudice R., Thomovsky S., **JAHVMA, Vol. 70, Spring 2023.**

- 2021 “The Role of Movement and Physical Rehabilitation in Connective Tissue Maintenance and Healing”. Moyes, J., Rivera, P. **JAHVMA, Vol 63, Summer 2021.**
- 2019 “Veterinary Spinal Manipulation: A functional neuro-anatomical approach to help aging pets requiring palliative or hospice care.” Rivera, P., LoGiudice, R. **JAHVMA, Vol 56, Fall 2019.**
- 2019 “Prevalence of spondylosis deformans in tailed vs. tail-docked Rottweilers. Ihrke A, Rivera P, LoGiudice R, Guiffrida M, Neforos K. **J Am Anim Hosp Assoc.** 2019 Nov/Dec;55(6):301-305. doi: 10.5326/JAAHA-MS-6966. Epub 2019 Sep 16. PMID: 3152508
- 2015 ‘Veterinary Spinal Manipulation or Animal Chiropractic & the musculoskeletal system – its influence in quadruped locomotion.’ **Integrative Veterinary Care Journal 2015:6(1); 52-55**
- 1998 – Present Wrote and maintained the curricula for both Postgraduate State-Approved Certification Programs, Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy and Veterinary Massage and Rehabilitation Therapy.
- 1999: “Veterinary Chiropractic,” published in the Journal of Veterinary Technician, May 2000. Rivera M., Rivera P.
- 1997: Equine Influenza and Equine Herpes Virus titers: Their significance. Unpublished information done in cooperation with Dr. Ed Dubovi at Cornell University
- Board and civic positions:
- 2023 – Present **American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians, President**
- 2021 – 2022 **American Association of Rehabilitation Veterinarians, President-Elect**
- 2020 – Present **American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, Examination Committee Member.**

- 2020 – Present      Editorial Committee Member for the Journal of the  
**American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association**
- 2017 – 2022      **American Association of Rehabilitation  
Veterinarians**, Industry Liaison.
- 2016 – 2023      **American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine  
and Rehabilitation**, Public Relations and Marketing  
Committee Member.
- 2017 – 2020      **American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine  
and Rehabilitation**, Nominating Committee Member.
- 2017 – 2018      Member of an ADHOC Committee from the Wisconsin  
Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer  
Protection; Veterinary Examining Board was  
reviewing current practice act.
- 2015 – Present:    **Expert witness for Animal Abuse Case(s), state of  
Wisconsin, Kenosha County.**

Lectured at:

- a. AAEP 2018
- b. ACVS – 2008
- c. AHVMA – 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 15, others
- d. AVMA – 2010, 2008, 2005, 2004, 2003
- e. Eastern and Western States VMA (Orlando Fla) – 2005
- f. Healing Oasis Wellness Center Conferences 2001 – present
- g. Illinois VMA - 2010
- h. Maine VMA – 2002
- i. Michigan VMA - 2020
- j. Minnesota VMA – 2004
- k. New Jersey VMA (NE Vet Conference) – 2004
- l. Ohio VMA / Midwest Veterinary Conference – 2018, 2003, 2001
- m. Puerto Rico VMA – 2004, 2002
- n. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (yearly) – Masters en Fisioterapy  
Veterinaria (2013-2018)
- o. UW Madison, Conference in Integrative Medicine – 2007, 05
- p. Wisconsin VMA – 2007, 2003
- q. Wisc. Eq. Pract. Assoc. 2018 Winter
- r. ForVet Post Graduate Rehabilitation Program (yearly) – Madrid (2006-  
2019)
- s. Others (WVMA, WVTA **among others**)

**Consultant** for: The Garmon Corporation – VetClassics.

Dr. Rivera also lectures during every module that is offered at the Healing Oasis Wellness Center (monthly 7 – 8 days per month). Every module is 45 hrs long (Wed-Sun for the Veterinary Spinal Manipulative Therapy), 32 hrs long for the Veterinary Massage and Rehabilitation Therapy) among other CE seminars of different lengths.

