

[IPT Animal Care Handler Policy Guidelines: Protect the IPT Path](http://www.iaamb.org/Newsletters/StateLawcharNov2003.htm)
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IPT Policy terminology changes have been updated to coincide with animal care regulations; however the IPT Policies have not been changed since 1998.

ALL IPT material is Copywrited through the Library of Congress: 1998. IPT is licensed, insured and carries an Animal Handlers Permit. ALL IPT Proceeds go to ANIMAL Rescue & Educational Awareness. An unsafe animal reaction may occur without proper IPTouch education. Veterinarian consultation may be indicated prior to & after IPT activities. IPT reserves the right to make program changes as needed.

Nevada State “Practice of veterinary medicine” defined.

- 1. To diagnose, treat, correct, change, relieve or prevent animal disease, deformity, defect, injury or other physical or mental conditions, including, but not limited to: (a) The prescription or the administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application, anesthetic or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique; (b) The collection of embryos; (c) Testing for pregnancy or for correcting sterility or infertility; (d) Acupuncture; (e) Dentistry; (f) Chiropractic procedures; (g) Surgery, including cosmetic surgery; or (h) Rendering advice or recommendation with regard to any of these.
- 2. To represent, directly or indirectly, publicly or privately, an ability and willingness to do any act described in subsection 1.
- 3. To use any title, words, abbreviation or letters in a manner or under circumstances which induce the belief that the person using them is qualified to do any act described in subsection 1, except if the person is a veterinarian.

IPT is not responsible for individual state regulations concerning animal bodywork endeavors.

- Participants should review this information as needed. However IPT’s position is always **“Animal Rescue through Educational Knowledge”**.
- IPT programs used for outside care of your OWN pets may require veterinarian referral, Animal Handler permits, or other educational requirements depending on your state laws.
- Knowledge about your state’s legalities concerning Kennel Technicians, Veterinarian Technicians, and Veterinarian Assistants vary. IPT is wonderful for all of these settings, however may require more educational knowledge when working with medical or surgical pets. Direct supervised veterinarian care may be indicated.
- Licensed Veterinarians in good standing with the Nevada State Veterinarian Board are always welcome to observe ALL IPT educational workshops & animal care sessions with pet owner’s verification.

I understand that the information shared in no way takes the place of a veterinarian’s expertise or diagnostic skills.

- This is a Non-Medical Animal Welfare program for pet owners, sanctuary personnel, pet groomers, animal handlers and trainers...
- I do not hold IPT responsible for decisions or conclusions I arrive at in the event of a medical event requiring veterinarian assistance.
- IPT is not a replacement for medical care and wellness checkups with a veterinarian may be indicated prior to and or following IPTouch.
- IPTouch practitioners are trained to understand basic contraindications and precautions and are expected to use this knowledge through veterinarian conversation as indicated.
- **IPTouch practitioners SHOULD guide owners to having a stronger wellness relationship with their pet’s Dr.**

IPT Therapists CANNOT council in nutritional or herbal concepts without veterinarian guidance and pre-patient assessment.

- This is veterinarian expertise and considered medical management.
- IPT is not for diagnostic purposes, but for the general comfort and well-being of animals.
- IPTouch practitioners spend hands-on time with dis-ease, NOT pathological disease unless directly advised by a veterinarian.

Performing out of scope training protocols will void your IPT certification policies.

- State legalities will differ for animal handlers. It is YOUR responsibility to follow these guidelines.
- This includes modalities, tools other than hands, following inappropriate veterinarian instruction, nutritional and herbal guidance ect...
- I understand that wellness checkups with a veterinarian may be indicated prior to and or following IPT.
- I understand that I may NOT add terminology to IPTouch programs as this is a copywrite infringement. Only said owner may create said curriculum updates and changes.

IPT reserves the right to revoke and or suspend class participation and or certification privileges;

- Due to participant slander.
- Practitioner error or inappropriate behavior of said practitioner.
- Risk to any other parties such as practicum sites, and educational support organizations.
- If legal actions should arise through IPT action; IPT will assess these cost factors and make all attempts at collection from said party.
- **Certified graduates CANNOT precede with community IPTouch protocols without proper business permits & state requirements.**

I understand “certification” means completion of said course.

- **My goal of learning IPT information is for animal wellness and any other endeavors I choose to follow are of my own decisions.**
- I am independently responsible for future IPT activities, employment experiences and or volunteer time with animals following the completion of the IPTouch program and protocols.

IPT is not responsible for safety or medical issues that may occur during IPT participation.

- I understand working with Animals is unpredictable and challenging.
- Animal and SELF SAFETY is the responsibly of the IPT student.
- IPT courses are for independently motivated peaceful humans.
- Working with animals is more challenging than working with humans due to communication differences.
- Pregnancy and or lack of your own general exercise program, and emotional peace may prove this course to be fatiguing and unsafe.

Students are responsible for their own independent animal access for continued studies.

- **Rescue sites**, your babies, friends,...
- Some course items and information must be purchased and researched by the IPT student.
- **Restraining animals during IPTouch hands-on care is CONTRAINDICATED.**
- Owners- Handlers SHOULD be available for IPTouch sessions and given ‘homework’ to continue IPT pet responsibilities.

I understand there is a NO REFUND policy once IPT has begun sending course supplies.

- Your proceeds have already been donated to an animal rescue facility of IPT’s choice.

Instructor Support

- Your general computer skills must be up to date as class activities are also on-line.
- This is a self-interactive program. Instructor support through computer access, Email, web cam, & or internet abilities.
- IPT is not responsible for your computer glitches, however students are responsible for IPT’s ability to open and read submitted research project submissions.
- Students may need to supply: Digital Camera (throw away Kodak is fine) or, Camcorder access (rentals are available), Internet, Email access, web cam ability, printing ability and some additional course materials for your “Animal Library” as outlined within the IPT ACH course materials.
- **IPT reserves the rights to change and update course materials, fee structure and scheduling as deemed necessary.**

IPTouch Educational Site Access

- All must post a picture and short bio of themselves on our educational site to remain in place after RP certification.
- An actual picture of YOU with an animal for identification purposes.

Following Course Completion

- I understand I must have individual liability insurance and a separate company name to begin IPT practice in the community.
- I understand I will use the "IPT Animal Care Handler" title only as my technique specialty I have trained in, but my own company name will be filed under a different title.
- I understand and accept protocols for continuing to strengthen my IPT animal educational.

Copying IPT materials for purposes other than self study is illegal & may facilitate a lawsuit against said party.

- Do not share IPT course information with other humans. Let them work as hard for this great Animal journey as you are willing to do!
- I understand teaching the IPT program outside of instructor/owner knowledge will void my IPT certification and create possible legal action.
- I understand articles, TV interviews, ect. referring to IPTouch will need prior clearance from IPT.
- All IPT concepts and logo(s) are owned by IPT.

IPT Statement of Academic Integrity

- I am solely responsible for all of my own individual course work.
- I will not allow others to complete course Research Projects or plagiarize items I find on the **Internet**.

NCBTMB Educational Provider

- The NCBTMB Recertification Program allows nationally certified massage & bodywork practitioners to select from various learning options to build a recertification program that fits their professional goals, lifestyle and schedule.
- This submission paperwork is the responsibility of said human massage therapist.
- FYI: This is HUMAN Massage...NOT animal...and NOT IPTouch.

IPT's goal is 'Animal Rescue through Educational Knowledge'.

- **Rescue Sites are ALWAYS a place IPTouch should be found!**
- Now get out there and use this information to change YOUR state laws and speak for the animals and their rights to Animal Massage & Care.
- It takes a village to love animals. SPREAD THE IPT WORD!

Pets Inside Class Room Protocols

- These must be YOUR own pets or a stuffed animal. (This course is geared for Animal Welfare. This begins at HOME)!
- Shots up to date.
- Pets must be groomed and brushed prior to class access.
- Pet must be safely on leashes or in cage settings at all times unless IPTouch sessions with supervision are occurring.
- Pets need to lie on a large blanket next to 'owner' as opposed to the carpet.
- We cannot have water or food readily available on the floor. Class is short enough with enough breaks to share these needs outside, somewhat away from the building and walkways.
- Pets are only allowed in building 5. (Computer lab with pets is a no no).
- Potty time is away from the building (bring a poop bag!)
- ALL pets are welcome, however if you feel your pet needs much of your attention you may find it best to absorb lecture materials with a stuffed animal for the time being. (I myself have this issue. As you can see my own pets do not attend my classes when I teach).

IPT ACH Approach GOALS: bonding, communication, pet awareness, responsibility.

- **NO Stretching:** IPT uses Positional Elongation WITH animal permission. This facilitates a natural body opening.
- IPT does not allow restraint or tethering of pets during IPTouch sessions
- Owner homework & owner session attendance is STRONGLY encouraged for owners to take over IPTouch responsibilities.
- Word DISEASE is not used (this is vet pathology). IPT uses Dis-ease (WITH a hyphen) for Tension Pattern relaxation only.
- No joint: IPTouch is soft tissue relaxation for improved communication, bonding & loving awareness.
- NO nutritional or herbalistic counseling allowed. This begins with direct vet diagnostics evaluation.
- IPTouch education includes: IPTouch ACH curriculum contraindications, precautions, safety, Scope of Practice, Ethics

IPTouch ACH Terminology

- **Massage:** rubbing of body: a treatment that involves rubbing or kneading the muscles, either for medical or therapeutic purposes or simply as an aid to relaxation.
- **Exercise:** physical activity and movement, especially when intended to keep a person or animal fit and healthy.
- **Handler:** somebody who trains or manages a working animal, e.g. a police dog or a show dog.
- **Animal Trainer:** Animal trainers train animals that perform work, entertain or serve as companions.
- **Animal Keeper:** Taking care of animals is hard work. Animal caretakers, sometimes called animal attendants or animal keepers, feed, water, groom, bathe, and exercise animals and clean, disinfect, and repair their cages. They also observe behavioral changes that could indicate illness or injury. People who love animals may be trained on the job, but advancement depends on experience and/or formal training.

Veterinarian – Physical Therapy Terminology

- **Physical Therapy/Therapist:** the treatment of injuries and physical conditions by a trained person under the supervision of a specialist in physical medicine.
- **Soft Tissue Mobilization:** Mobilization is a hands-on manual therapy designed to restore joint movement, power, and range of motion. The therapist gently coaxes joint motion by passive movement within or to the limit of a joint's normal range of motion.
- **Manual Therapy** encompasses the treatment of health ailments of various etiologies through 'hands-on', physical intervention. This form of physical treatment usually refers to hands-on techniques and includes soft tissue mobilization, various connective tissue techniques, Myofascial release, craniofacial techniques, mobilization of joints, joint manipulation, mobilization of neural tissue, visceral mobilization, strain and counterstrain, and Integrative Manual Therapy.
- **Stretching:** transitive and intransitive verb to lengthen, widen, or extend something, or become lengthened, widened, or extended, especially by force.
- **Suggested Joint Mobilization education for Vet-PT (THIS WORKS)!!!** Veterinary Orthopedic Manipulation (VOM): <http://vomtech.com/>

Why is my Vet costly? This is a good thing!

- Keeping up with animal medicine progress
- General clinic supplies
- Updated diagnostic equipment (Scopes, MRI, X-ray...)
- Specialized Medical Care: Geriatrics, Cancer, Orthopedics, Neurology...
- Paying staff: consistent staffing is a must.
- Overhead of a safe clean building
- Insurance, liability, continuing education...

Pet Welfare Education in Your State

- When considering 'legalities' as opposed to the ethical need of NON medical IPTouch, animal massage, or any animal wellness education in your state... Ask....Will I be left out of this wonderful endeavor that may help me sleep more comfortably, run harder, balance when I potty, grow old gracefully, smile more and know I am LOVED ... if I am a Veterinarian's pet? Support non medical animal welfare education....

**Registering for IPTouch courses indicates
you understand and accept all IPT Policy Guidelines.**

I am ready to begin my IPTouch Journey!