



## Healing Touch for Animals® Code of Ethics

- Healing Touch for Animals® (HTA) provides care and comfort to an animal through balancing the energy system, while assisting the animal's physiology to regulate and help the animal to self-heal.
- HTA is based on a caring relationship between the HTA Practitioner and the care person, to provide the animal with the best energetic support for the animal's healing process.
- The HTA Practitioner functions from the HTA Code of Ethics within the HTA Standards of Practice as outlined by Healing Touch for Animals®. All care persons and animals are to be respected at all times.
- The animal's needs are to be considered at all times as conveyed by the care person and by the animal's presentation. An explanation of HTA facilitation to the care person is to be conveyed at the level of the care person's understanding.
- The care person's choices regarding health care for the animal are to be honored. Interventions are based on energetic findings along with the communication from the care person.
- All facilitation is documented appropriately and is detail-specific to the HTA Practitioner's background and under the guidelines of HTA practice.
- Confidentiality of the care person and animal is to be respected at all times and data is stored in such a way as to protect the anonymity of the care person. Data will not be used beyond the caring for the animal unless written permission is obtained by the care person or in the event abuse is detected.
- Energy facilitation is offered only for the benefit of the animal and in accordance with the principle of highest good and do no harm.
- HTA Practitioners perform facilitation only with direct permission of the care person of the animal.
- A cooperative model of healthcare between the veterinarian and the HTA Practitioner is always at the forefront. HTA Practitioners do not diagnose, prescribe medications or perform surgery. HTA Practitioners are to refer care persons to veterinary professionals when appropriate.
- The HTA Practitioner assumes accountability for his/her actions with conscious intent to facilitate health and well-being for the animal. The HTA Practitioner shall use good judgment regarding application of the HTA therapies.
- HTA Practitioners provide a safe and clear boundary environment regarding the practitioner and the care person. A professional presence will be presented at all times. HTA Practitioners shall dress in a professionally appropriate manner.