



Contraindications

Canine myofunctional therapy stimulates the dog's circulatory system during the treatment and for some hours afterward. For this reason, some conditions are contraindicated during the acute stage and others require a veterinary clearance prior to treatment. In many cases including infection, malignancies and during pregnancy, myofunctional treatment is generally contraindicated.

Typically, I seek a veterinary clearance prior to treatment when a dog is medicated or has a heart condition. Increased circulation may impact the medication's effect or place undue strain on the patient's heart.

Conditions requiring vet clearance	Regional contraindication
Blood thinning medication	Restriction of spinal movement
Pain medication	Surgery 10 days +
Neurological conditions	Ear or eye infection
Skin puffy, scaly, shiny or hair has ceased growing	Haematoma 72 hours +
Heart condition	Fractures 72 hours +
Inability to weight bear (acute stage)	Broken skin – other
	Burns – 72 hours +

General contraindication	
Abdominal pain	Inflammation – 24 – 72 hours (acute stage)
Referred back pain to legs	Malignancy
Extreme pain on palpation	Coughing on palpation
Acute joint swelling	Surgery 0 – 10 days
Broken skin – bacterial infection	Muscle injury 24 – 72 hours (acute stage)
Burns – 24 – 72 hours	Torn ligament 24 – 72 hours (acute stage)
Fractures – 24 – 72 hours	Pregnancy
Haematoma – 24 – 72 hours	Long distance travel 24 – 72 hours
Other infection	

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