

《高考英语阅读理解真题15(含答案解析)》

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“ I am not crazy, ” says Dr. William Farber, shortly after performing acupuncture(针灸) on a rabbit. “ I am ahead of my time. ” If he seems a little defensive, it might be because even some of his coworkers occasionally laugh at his unusual methods. But Farber is certain he'll have the last laugh. He's one of a small but growing number of American veterinarians(兽医) now practicing “ holistic ” medicine—combining traditional Western treatments with acupuncture, chiropractic(按摩疗法) and herbal medicine.

Farber, a graduate of Colorado State University, started out as a more conventional veterinarian. He became interested in alternative treatments 20 years ago when he suffered from terrible back pain. He tried muscle-relaxing drugs but found little relief. Then he tried acupuncture, an ancient Chinese practice, and was amazed that he improved after two or three treatments. What worked on a veterinarian seemed likely to work on his patients. So, after studying the techniques for a couple of years, he began offering them to pets.

Leigh Tindale's dog Charlie had a serious heart condition. After Charlie had a heart attack, Tindale says, she was prepared to put him to sleep, but Farber's treatments eased her dog's suffering so much that she was able to keep him alive for an additional five months. And Priscilla Dewing reports that her horse, Nappy, “moves more easily and rides more comfortably” after a chiropractic adjustment.

Farber is certain that the holistic approach will grow more popular with time, and if the past is any indication, he may be right: Since 1982, membership in the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association has grown from 30 to over 700. “Sometimes it surprises me that it works so well,” he says. “I will do anything to help an animal. That's my job.”

24. What do some of Farber's coworkers think of him?

- A. He's odd.
- B. He's strict.
- C. He's brave.
- D. He's rude.

25. Why did Farber decide to try acupuncture on pets?

- A. He was trained in it at university.
- B. He was inspired by another veterinarian.
- C. He benefited from it as a patient.
- D. He wanted to save money for pet owners.
26. What does paragraph 3 mainly talk about?
- A. Steps of a chiropractic treatment.
- B. The complexity of veterinarians' work.
- C. Examples of rare animal diseases.
- D. The effectiveness of holistic medicine.
27. Why does the author mention the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association?
- A. To prove Farber's point.
- B. To emphasize its importance.
- C. To praise veterinarians.
- D. To advocate animal protection.

答案解析：

24. 答案：A

解析：文章第一段提到"even some of his coworkers occasionally laugh at his unusual methods"，说明一些同事认为他的方法不寻常，可能会觉得他有点奇怪，因此选项A(He's odd.)是正确的。

25. 答案：C

解析：文章第二段提到"Then he tried acupuncture... and was amazed that he improved after two or three treatments. What worked on a veterinarian seemed likely to work on his patients."，说明法伯自己作为病人体验了针灸并从中受益，这激发了他将这种方法用于宠物，因此选项C(He benefited from it as a patient.)是正确的。

26. 答案：D

解析：第三段通过两个例子(Leigh Tindale的狗Charlie和Priscilla Dewing的马Nappy)来说明整体医学的有效性，因此选项D(The effectiveness of holistic medicine.)是正确的。

27. 答案：A

解析：文章最后一段提到法伯认为整体医学的方法会越来越受欢迎，并且提到美国整体兽医医学协会的会员人数从1982年的30人增长到700多人，这是为了支持法伯的观点，即整体医学正在变得越来越受欢迎，因此选项A(To prove Farber's point.)是正确的。

