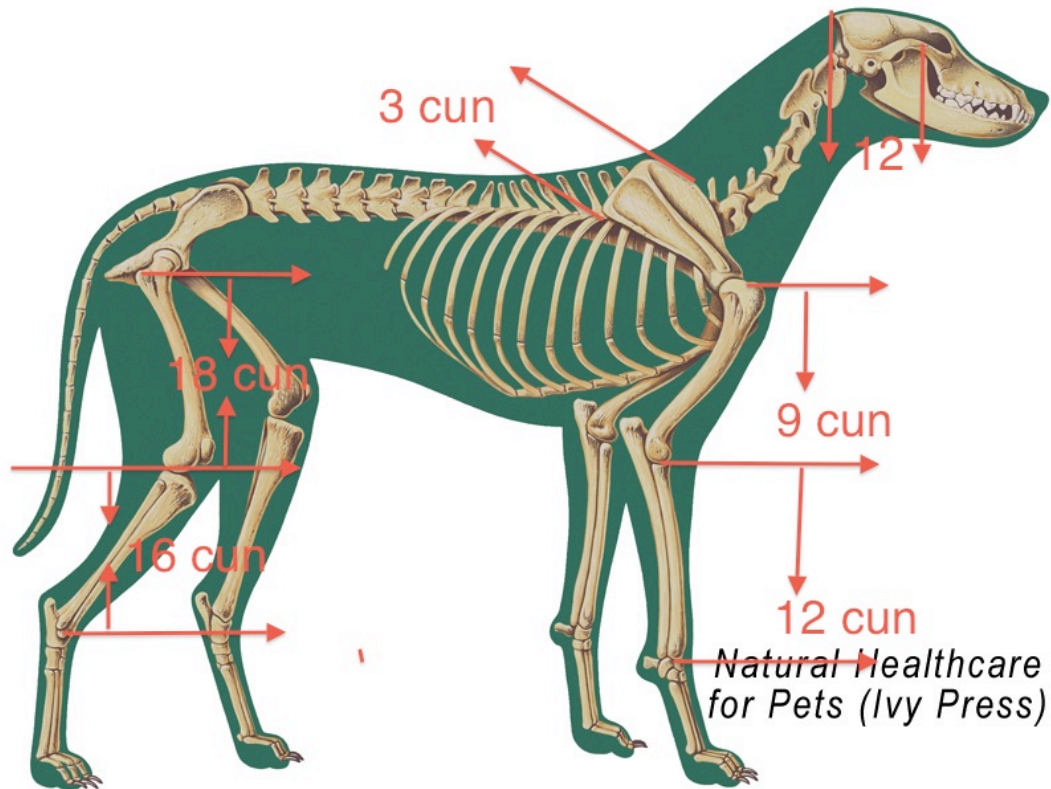


Cun Measurements on the Dog and Cat



In Chinese Medicine distances on the body are traditionally measured in cun. 1 cun = 2.5 cm normally in Chinese measurements but in a medical context a cun is a proportional unit of measurement that takes the individual proportions of each body into consideration. A body or proportional cun is based on the proportions of particular sections of the body, which are divided into a specific number of units. Using an elastic tape we can come up with the exact location of points base upon a proportional cun and fixed boney landmarks. Each animal has different proportions so we should chart these proportions when we are doing an intake and not the cun measurements for each proportional area so we only need to measure once.

A list of cun proportional measurements are as follow:

1. The width of the scapula between the cranial and caudal border is 3 cun.

2. The length from the greater tubercle of the humerus to the elbow crease is 9 cun.
3. The distance from the elbow crease to the styloid process of the ulna is 12 cun.
4. The distance from the occipital protuberance to the medial canthus of the eye is 12 cun.
5. The distance from the greater trochanter of the femur to the center of the stifle crease when flexed is 18 cun.
6. The distance from the lateral stifle crease when the knee is flexed to the lateral malleolus of the fibula is 16 cun.
7. The distance between the medial stifle crease when the knee is flexed to the medial malleolus of the tibia is 13 cun.
8. The distance from the xiphoid process to the pubic symphysis is 13 cun.
9. The distance from the pubic symphysis to the center of the umbilicus is 5 cun.
10. If the space between the pubic symphysis and the center of the umbilicus is divided into five equal parts, the first and last points relate to CV-2 and CV-8 respectively. CV-2 is the level of the pubis and CV-8 is at the center of the umbilicus. CV-3, CV-4, CV-5, and CV-7 are located sequentially on each of the subdivisions. CV-6 is located half way in between CV-5 and CV-7.
11. The distance from the xiphoid process to the umbilicus is 8 cun. CV-12 is located half way between the xiphoid process and the umbilicus and CV-14 is located half way between CV-12 and the xiphoid process.

A clear picture of the ventral line measurements is shown on this link:
<http://wbvc.bc.ca/canine-points/#CvCC>.

Please memorize all of these measurement because you will be tested on them and should know them for your practice.