Veterinary Details: Practice stamp Veterinary Surgeon: **Details of Myotherapist Requesting Consent:** Name: Teresa Elswood Tel: 01825 872349 Mob: 07722 652063 Email: teresa@thebalanceddog.co.uk Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance Policy Details: AXA RKK746572/ELTX15AMO1 **Details of Dog:** Handler/Owner..... Dog's name..... Handler/Owner address: Reason given for referral request: Veterinary Diagnosis: Relevant pre-existing conditions..... I consent to **Teresa Elswood** performing **Canine Myotherapy Treatment** (soft tissue manipulation, and other massage techniques including Passive Movement Exercises) for soft tissue, specifically muscular conditions on the above named dog. (Subject to consent, please indicate how you would like to receive the subsequent treatment report) Written report: YES / NO Verbal report: YES / NO E-mail Report YES / NO (email address.....) I understand that by giving consent, I am not responsible for any Myotherapy treatment given and the provision of professional indemnity insurance for this is the responsibility of T. Elswood

Request for Veterinary Consent for Canine Myotherapy Treatment **Date:** / /2017

PLEASE RETURN THE ABOVE SIGNED FORM TO:

Signed:MRCVS

T. Elswood, Bramley Cottage, Whitesmith, Nr Lewes, E. Sussex, BN8 6JD
Member of The International Association of Animal Therapists



(Veterinary Surgeon)





Date.....

Why Myotherapy? [rehabilitation massage]

Myotherapy is a specific complementary therapy specialising in the treatment of damaged or injured muscle and allied soft tissue. Muscle pain is underestimated and difficult to treat, we work using specialised knowledge and training specifically within this area.

Muscular issues can manifest themselves in many different ways. The pain can cause stress that will have a negative effect on how the dog functions both physically and psychologically.

Myotherapy promotes muscle function, achieved through easing congestions within the muscle fibres caused through injury, compensatory or repetitive strain issues.

Injury within the muscle fibre can cause inappropriate scarring, which will cause stress over the joints they articulate. By identifying then treating effected muscles and muscle groups, joint function can be improved with optimum 'range of movement' for each condition or situation being achieved. This results in improved mobility, performance and a reduction in pain perception therefore reducing stress and allied symptoms.

By treating the secondary and/or compensatory issues, Myotherapy can be part of a highly effective management programme for supporting the following conditions;

- Osteoarthritis
- Hip/Elbow Dysplasia
- CDRM
- Cruciate issues
- OCD
- Spondylitis.

A signed Veterinary consent form is always required before commencement of treatment in accordance with the Veterinary Act.

(The Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order 1962 allows for the treatment of animals by physiotherapy, provided that the animal has first been seen by a veterinary surgeon who has diagnosed the condition and decided that it should be treated by physiotherapy under his/her direction. 'Physiotherapy' is interpreted as including all kinds of manipulative therapy.)

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