**Request for Veterinary Consent for Myotherapy Massage Treatment**

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**Date: ………… ………………………………….…………**

**Veterinary details: ……………………………………………………….**

**Veterinary surgeon: .…………………………………….….….MRCVS**

**Details of massage therapist requesting consent:**

Name: Jacqueline Newholm

Mob: 07785 521 908

Email: jacqueline@bigbrowndogtherapy.co.uk

*Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance Policy details:* Zur/08/3323/94-BEMZAEX

**Details of Dog:**

Dog's Name: . ………………………….………………………………….…………………………………………………………...................

Handler's Name: . ………………………………………………………………..………………………………………………………………………..

Handler's Address: . ………………………….…………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

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Email: . ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….….

Reason for treatment: . …………..……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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Veterinary Diagnosis: . ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….….

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Relevant pre-existing conditions: . …………………………………………………………………..............................................................

I consent to Jacqueline Newholm, from Big Brown Dog Canine Massage Therapy, performing **Canine Myotherapy Massage Treatment**(soft tissue manipulation, and other massage techniques including Passive Movement exercises) where appropriate, 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** Email\* report: **YES / NO**

(\*email address: . ………………….……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………)

***I understand that by giving consent, I am not responsible for any myotherapy massage treatment given and the provision of professional indemnity insurance for this is the responsibility of Jacqueline Newholm.***

Signed: . …..………………………………………………………………….MRCVS Date: …………..……………….

 *(Veterinary Surgeon)*

***PLEASE RETURN THE ABOVE SIGNED FORM TO****: jacqueline@bigbrowndogtherapy.co.uk*

**What is Canine Myotherapy Massage?**

Canine myotherapy massage 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.

Canine myotherapy massage promotes muscle function. This is achieved through easing congestions within the 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, canine myotherapy massage can be part of a highly effective management programme for supporting the following conditions

* Osteoarthritis
* Hip/Elbow Dysplasia
* CDRM
* Cruciate issues
* OCD
* Spondylitis

Jacqueline Newholm only works on dogs that have a signed Veterinary consent form and adheres to 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 (therefore including Galen Myotherapy®).)*

Websites: *www.bigbrowndogtherapy.co.uk* and/or *www.iaat.org.uk*

***IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING MYOTHERAPY MASSAGE TREATMENT OR WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER ANY DETAILS INCLUDING OUR TREATMENT PROTOCOLS OR COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES THAT ARE ALL INTRINSIC TO I.A.A.T MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US ON THE ABOVE CONTACT DETAILS.***