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Dear Sir/Madam

The person giving you this letter wishes their dog (details below) to be treated by Michelle Hillier using *Canine Bowen Technique*, I would be grateful therefore if you could complete the referral form below.

Further explanation of *Canine Bowen Technique* is given on the attached sheet, but if you require further clarification, then please contact me on the number below.

Thank you for your co-operation,

Yours faithfully.

Michelle Hillier - BTTA -EGCBT

Veterinary Referral Form

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Therapist Details

*Please place Veterinary Practice Stamp Here*

Veterinary Practice Details/Office

I have examined the following dog within the last 6 months, and agree that he/she may be given treatment using the *Canine Bowen Technique*: -

Owner's Name/Address .....

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Dog's name ..... Breed..... Age .....

Summary of Medical History .....

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Medication details .....

Name of Veterinary Surgeon .....

Would you like to be kept informed about the treatment sessions? Y / N

If so, please tick one of these boxes to indicate whether by telephone or written report

Telephone

Written Report

Signed ..... Date .....



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The European Guild of Canine Bowen Therapists (EGCBT) was set up to train, promote, represent and regulate a network of properly skilled and experienced Canine Bowen Technique therapists who are able to work alongside other professionals in the canine world to help dogs - vets, trainers, behaviourists, rescue centres, hydro therapists, and nutritionists.

The Bowen Technique is a gentle, non-invasive, light-touch, holistic modality that promotes healing, pain relief, and general body rebalancing. It aims to support and boost the natural healing capabilities of the body. It was brought to this country from Australia in 1993 as a complementary human therapy.

When used on dogs, Canine Bowen Technique is regarded as a manipulative therapy covered by the Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order 2015 of the 1966 Veterinary Surgeons Act, allowing **non-veterinarians** to work on the animal, on referral of the dog's veterinarian. With the help and support of local vets EGCBT have been using Bowen on dogs since 2001, with a lot of success.

Problems frequently presented at CBT sessions include:

- Acute injury - sprains and strains
- Chronic illness and degenerative disease - improving the dog's quality of life
- Rescue/re homed dogs - relaxation of tenseness from previous trauma
- Pre- and post- surgery - reducing recovery times

We would emphasise that we use Bowen as a complementary therapy i.e. in conjunction with, not as an alternative to, proper veterinary care, and insist that owners have their dog thoroughly checked over beforehand by their vet, and get their vet's written approval prior to commencing a Bowen session. Under no circumstances do we prescribe or alter any medication.

Qualified Canine Bowen Technique therapists are existing (human) Bowen therapists, which ensure that they have a thorough grounding in the principles and workings of the Bowen Technique, providing a credible and respected standard of professional in the Canine Bowen Technique. Therapy isn't forced on the dogs - indeed an important part of the Canine Bowen Technique qualification is teaching participants to recognise and respect when the dog indicates it has received what it needs - and if it wishes to walk away, then it is allowed to do so.

EGCBT proposals have been reviewed by the RCVS, and the European College of Bowen Studies. We have also made a request to the Bowen Therapists' European Register - the professional register for (human) Bowen Therapists in this country - to be shown as Canine Bowen Technique therapists on the BTER referral list.

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