



Equine Owner's Informed Consent Form where horse is not under the care of a Vet

The Owner should complete **Sections (a) & (b)** and **Section (c)** and return the fully completed form to the Helen Thornton, or the owner is requested to bring the fully completed form with them to their first EST consultation.

Section (a) – Details of the Owner					
Name:					
Address:				Post Code	
				Tel. Home	
Mobile:					
Email:					
Section (b) – Details of the Horse					
Name:					
Age:		Date of Birth:		Sex:	
Breed:				Colour:	
Insured?	Yes / No	Insurance Co:		Date of last vaccination:	
Section (c) – What are the issues with your horse – Please describe your horse's issues below					
What issues is your horse having, and for how long?				<p>Helen Thornton (t/a <i>Equine Sports Therapy & PEMF</i>) is insured by Specialist Insurance Brokers Balens.</p> <p>Equine Sports Therapy & PEMF always refers back to a vet if a horse requires veterinary attention, in compliance with The Veterinary Act 1966.</p>	
<p>Owner Declaration: I am over 18, and in my opinion, the above horse is in a suitable state of health to undergo Equine Sports Therapy/PEMF treatment having read and understood the Information for Clients printed overleaf. I indemnify Helen Thornton against any future claims or liability and agree to this Disclaimer: Helen Thornton does not intend to diagnose or prescribe. Equine sports therapies are a range of complementary techniques intended to be used alongside veterinary care. Any advice or information given is done so to the best of Helen Thornton's knowledge. Helen Thornton does not accept any liability for future or existing conditions that the horse may encounter, and any third-party incident to property, human, animal or otherwise during or following her therapy visit. Helen Thornton's session summary is an accurate record of the therapies performed, based upon the evaluation, requirements and the information provided by the owner.</p>					
Owner signature				Date	
Owner name (print):					

Information for Clients

Where Equine Sports Therapy is part of a training or conditioning program then, in the absence of injury or disease, we are free to go ahead without the need for a vet to examine the animal first.

Where treatment is for **any injury, disease or other abnormality** a vet would need to examine the animal for the purposes of diagnosis before referring for treatment. This is in order to comply with the Veterinary Surgeons Act (the appropriate extract is copied below for information), to ensure physical treatment is appropriate and that appropriate diagnostics and medication are provided as part of a holistic approach to the issue. It is obviously important to keep within the law and for Equine Sports Therapy to follow veterinary referral in order not to invalidate any subsequent insurance claim.

It is the owner's responsibility to discuss a case with a veterinary surgeon, if in any doubt

Under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (VSA) an act of veterinary surgery is defined as follows:

- (a) the diagnosis of diseases in, and injuries to, animals including tests performed on animals for diagnostic purposes;*
- (b) the giving of advice based upon such diagnosis;*
- (c) the medical or surgical treatment of animals; and*
- (d) the performance of surgical operations on animals. and can only legally be carried out by a qualified veterinary surgeon.*

There is an exemption to allow an equine sports therapist to treat an animal where a veterinary surgeon had first seen the animal for the purposes of diagnosis and recommended treatment by equine sports therapy.

The Veterinary Surgeons (Exemptions) Order 2015 (which revokes the Veterinary Surgery (Exemptions) Order 1962) allows the treatment of an animal by equine sports therapy if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) the first condition is that the person providing the treatment is aged 18 or over*
- (2) the second condition is that the person is acting under the direction of a qualified person who—*
 - (a) has examined the animal, and*
 - (b) has prescribed the treatment of the animal by equine sports therapy.*

19.20 The Order specifies that a qualified person "means a person who is registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons or the Supplementary Veterinary Register".

19.21 'Equine Sports Therapy' is interpreted as including all kinds of manipulative therapy. It therefore includes osteopathy and chiropractic but would not, for example, include acupuncture or aromatherapy