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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Being a retired veterinary surgeon I was recently asked to observe (before and after) an experiment in a form of 'distance healing' performed on a light draught gelding 'Paddy'; black with three white socks, white blaze and white spot on left of withers. I was told that he was about twenty years old.

The nature of this healing process was not explained but the keeper of the horse had trust in the expected outcome.

When I first saw this horse in a small paddock at St. Agnes Cornwall he exhibited some reluctance to move with apparent joint or back pain. He also had some evidence of a skin condition around the mane and tail areas, possibly due to 'sweet itch'. He could be induced to trot and canter but it was with some difficulty.

On the second occasion, after about two weeks, he did appear to be moving more freely although I noticed that he still showed evidence of discomfort while being led downhill on a rough track. In a larger open field he was certainly more willing to break into a trot and canter than he appeared to be on the first occasion. After a short period of 'loosening up' he was able to canter uphill and then seemed to be more limited by the exertion than by any pain or discomfort. His action, whilst not perfect and still showing a little stiffness, was reasonable for a normal horse of his type and age.

As I made only two observations under somewhat different conditions and without any diagnostic tests being undertaken I would be reluctant to draw firm conclusions but in my opinion, on the second occasion a definite improvement in his movement, general demeanour and his coat condition was apparent.

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