



Texas Back Institute

**August 19, 1997**

**RE: Biostimulation Vetlase**

**Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_:**

**I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Dr. Ralph Rashbaum, a practicing spine surgeon, who just happens also to be in the Arabian horse business. I had an opportunity to visit with and become involved with Kim Segal in her project of laser stimulation in the treatment of soft tissue injuries. My first opportunity to visit with her happened to be at a horse show and then at my farm. There is one thing that I would like to make perfectly clear. We in the allopathic medical community have to deal with the placebo effect in any treatment. I recognized that there are things that we do to patients that no matter what efficacy they have, they will in fact turn out to be beneficial. I suspect that this is not the case in the veterinary business. I was taken with the fact that when I would have a horse that would have an observable limp, and he would be treated by Kim Segal, the horse would then walk out without that limp. Nothing was done to the horse other than the treatment by Kim Segal. It is my opinion that the treatment was responsible for the immediate response. It is my opinion that horses and other animals don't have a placebo effect. They either are able to perform or are lame.**

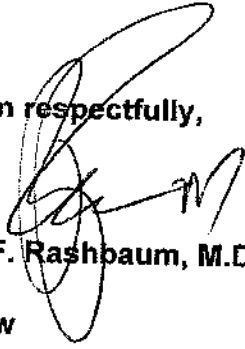
**I have had the opportunity now first hand of having a family member treated with this technology and viewing first hand its efficaciousness. This however is an anecdotal observation, although repeated frequently with other patients. We are in the process now of undertaking clinical studies in the allopathic medical field to ultimately prove its efficaciousness.**

**This letter constitutes an endorsement for the Vetlase as relates to the treatment of animals with soft tissue inflammatory injuries.**

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**I remain respectfully,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rashbaum', written over the text 'I remain respectfully,'.

**Ralph F. Rashbaum, M.D.**

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