



bership by submitting case histories and client references to a panel, demonstrating a healing, and undergoing oral examination to establish their familiarity with the NFSH's Code of Conduct. However, it is not necessary to apply for membership in the organization to benefit from the courses, which are also designed to foster each student's personal growth.

The practice is not limited to humans. Animals are so emotionally and spiritually open they respond very well to Spiritual Healing. Renowned British animal healer Margrit Coates, author of *Healing for Horses*, is one of several members of the NFSH using Spiritual Healing on animals, with great success.

Time and time again, after a patient has worked with a Spiritual Healer, both doctors and patients have reported recovery from terminal illness, pain reduction and much-improved quality of life, often defying the statistical odds for recovery.

Unfortunately, there is not yet such a strong synergetic relationship between doctors and healers in the U.S. For years, as more Americans learned about Spiritual Healing and sought its benefits, they had to either travel to England, or receive distant healing from an NFSH certified Spiritual Healer there. But things are looking up. In 2002, two senior trainers with the NFSH relocated to California where they founded a sister organization called NFSH - Healing in America [www.healinginamerica.com]. They have taught courses around the country and in the past two years certified the first U.S.-based healers and licensed trainers, including several in Michigan. Their goal is to make Spiritual Healing as available in the U.S. as it is in Britain. To quote Roger Ford, head of NFSH-Healing in America, "We – the Spiritual Healer, the surgeon, the support staff – collectively believe in the patient's full recovery, and on some level the patient's sub-conscious mind attunes to that message. The work and the response can only be positive."

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