

The Horse as Equine Intermediary during the Healing Process in Psycho-Motor Therapeutic Vaulting (PMTV)

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