

WHAT IS APPLIED EQUINE PODIATRY?

The essence of Applied Equine Podiatry is the conscientious study of the equine foot, always striving to expose it to the proper environmental stimuli, making every effort to promote proper structure and function, as we progress in achieving high performance. It is accepting the facts that the horse has the innate ability to heal itself and that man's interference has caused imbalance and broken the golden rule of do no harm.

Applied Equine Podiatry is a Holistic approach to hoof care; it is instrumental to those wishing to practice the art of Whole Horse Health Care.

FROM THE DAEP CODE OF ETHICS:

- I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE TO DEDICATE MYSELF TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF THE HORSE.
- THE HEALTH OF THOSE HORSES' IN MY CARE WILL BE MY FIRST CONSIDERATION.



WHY A DEGREEED APPLIED EQUINE PODIATRIST (DAEP)

- They are highly skilled in Holistic Hoof Care
- Have the desire to excel in their profession
- They are compassionate, yet highly disciplined.
- Only those practitioners that meet continuing education requirements are approved by the Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry

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THE IAEP GRADUATE HAS DEMONSTRATED THE KNOWLEDGE, PERSONAL SKILLS, AND EXPERIENCES REQUIRED FOR PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF FOOT CARE FOR TODAY'S HORSE. ALL HAVE MASTERED THE ART OF COMPASSION WITH DISCIPLINE

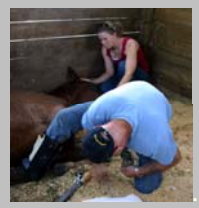


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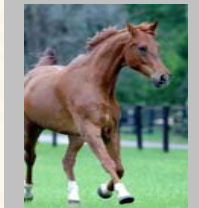


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Congratulations on taking the first step in implementing Applied Equine Podiatry, hiring a Degreed Applied Equine Podiatrist. You can be assured that the professional you have chosen has, and continues to stay current on the latest developments in equine podiatry. Each active DAEP is required to attend 40 hours of continuing education each year, as defined by the Insitute of Applied Equine Podiatry.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM YOUR DAEP?

Your initial visit

When you make an appointment with a DAEP you must understand that you are not simply hiring a trimmer. The DAEP has been trained to help you in establishing a responsible hoof care program. Upon arrival your DAEP will ask you to answer questions pertaining to your horse's medical history, discipline, level of training, daily exercise, nutrition, and your overall expectations. They will ask you to spend the time required to do a gait analysis, or lameness evaluation, this before completing a Spectrum of Usability. The Spectrum of Usability was developed at the Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry to serve as a guide to protect the welfare of your horse. The Spectrum of Usability will give you a good idea as to what level of performance you can expect at this given moment in time. It will help the DAEP determine what structures require the most attention, and will offer insight into how to establish a hoof care program that can deliver the most stimulus within the Spectrum of Usability.

The DAEP evaluates the current state of health, and balance of your horse's hooves. Then using the HPT Method (High Performance Trim Method) they balance the hoof capsule to the foot within, establishing a vehicle for stimulus to the soft structures of the Internal Arch Apparatus (Internal Foot). We first need to return health to the internal structures.

WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES?

When you decide to use a DAEP you take on certain responsibilities. When you use a trimmer your responsibilities end when you pay for the services performed. This is not the case when you choose to practice AEP. Follow up care performed by you is paramount for success. You may be asked to hand walk your horse daily, or to treat infections. You may be asked to arrange a consultation between your veterinarian and DAEP. Your DAEP is not simply there to trim your horse she/he is there to aid you and your horse in achieving peak performance, and Whole Body Health. Applied Equine Podiatry is a team sport. We commend you for taking the first step!