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APPLIED EQUINE PODIATRY

Beccy is a fully qualified Degreed Applied Equine Podiatrist (DAEP) and a member of the Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry (MIAEP). Holistic Equine can offer expert Applied Equine Podiatry consultation as part of our services.

If you are interested in learning more about AEP and Holistic Equine, please contact us. Alternatively, visit www.appliedequinepodiatry.org to learn about the science of Applied Equine Podiatry or visit our website www.holistichequineservices.co.uk and read our articles.

AEP Consultation: What to Expect

Your initial consultation will give you a chance to ask questions about AEP and going barefoot. The consult will also give Beccy an opportunity to provide you with more facts to help you decide whether continuing with AEP is the right route for you and your horse. Horses with lameness issues with or without current veterinary care require a team effort between your DAEP and veterinary surgeon and sometimes other equine healthcare professionals and we will contact your vet to introduce ourselves and our involvement with the care of your horse.

Your first proper appointment will involve taking case notes and a full history of your horse. This will include every aspect of your management as it all affects foot health. Pictures for reference will be taken of your horse's feet and a spectrum of usability completed. Static and moving observations will be recorded and if appropriate the horses shoes will be removed and his or her feet will be trimmed using the High Performance Trim (HPT) method. You will be then advised on products and practices including any alterations to your horses environment (feed, bedding, turn-out, training, etc), in order to improve or maintain upon high barefoot performance.

The Spectrum of Usability will help show what structures are weak and what level of performance the horse will be able to undertake on the day of the consult (and post-HPT trim if necessary). This spectrum is used by DAEP's to help you understand where your horse's feet are on the spectrum compared to where they need to be to achieve your goals with your horse. In other words, they show you how healthy your horse's feet are and how healthy they need to be in order to become healthy enough to do their preferred job. The spectrum is also used to help you understand that exceeding your horses spectrum can result in trauma and a loss of structure and performance and why this would be the case.

Beccy will advise you what conditioning work is required to improve upon the health and performance of your horse's feet, with the aim of moving up the scale by the next agreed appointment. Hoof care products can be purchased from Beccy at the time of the appointment and these are sometimes necessary in order to improve hoof tissue health and structure.

Foot health is negatively affected by imbalance in the body. Holistic Equine can advise on therapies to help address any imbalances found at the time of the appointment.

We recommend you discuss going barefoot with your farrier and vet. Although it is not a legal requirement, we would always recommend you do this as any queries they may have can be addressed and information shared. We are more than happy for you to give our contact details to other professionals involved with the care of your horse as we proactively promote a team approach to equine health and performance management. Likewise if we have concerns about a veterinary or farriery issue, we would discuss these findings with your vet and farrier.

Right: LF hoof of Welsh section D x cob after HPT (High Performance Trim). Note: absence of flare and application of 45 degree angle of outer wall at ground level; no dubbing or severe 'mustang roll' practiced by natural hoof care practitioners. The hoof is balanced to afford correct stimulus to the internal arch apparatus within the hoof capsule, thus stimulating healthy growth of all structures, therefore providing correct function and dynamic equilibrium.



AEP Services and Prices (excluding travel)

Initial AEP Consultation - £50*

This fee includes a full set of photographs, full and detailed evaluation including hoof and foot health, spectrum, environment, application of the HPT method (where necessary) and recommendations including conditioning programme and written report. Fee also includes shoe removal and vet liaison if necessary and appropriate. Allow around 3 hours (excluding time allowed for PHW/Solemate pads application if required-see below for details).

AEP repeat Consultation fee - £40* or £37.50* for 2 or more horses with the same owner.

Fee charged at every visit and includes spectrum evaluation, application of HPT method (where necessary) and recommendations including conditioning programme, written report and vet liaison if necessary. Allow around 2 hours (excluding time allowed for PHW/Solemate pads application-see below for details). If regular appointments are not maintained and a period of 12 weeks has gone by without a repeat consultation, clients will be charged an initial consult fee at their next AEP appointment.

Your horse may require PHW, Solemate pads or specialist infection control. These are in addition to your Consult fees:

Supply and fit of PHW (Perfect Hoof Wear) - £30/pair

This fee is for the standard PHW kit. Allow around 30 mins/pair additional consult time to fit.

Supply and fit of Solemate Pads - £22/pair or £44 all four feet

Allow around 15mins/pair additional consult time to fit. Supply only is £20/pair.

Supply and fit of Pro kit (including Perfect Hoof Wear) - £50/pair or £100 all four feet*

Allow around 1 hour additional consult time to fit. *Pro kit may have to be ordered in especially and may be subject to additional postage costs of around £10.

Clean Trax soaking two feet- £45*

Single treatment deep penetrating hoof cleanser effective on thrush, abscesses and white line disease. Clean Trax solution and use of Clean Trax soaking boots included in the fee (allow 1 1/2 hrs).

Clean Trax soaking all four feet - £90*

Clean Trax solution and use of Clean Trax soaking boots included (allow 3hrs).

For prices and list of current products on sale with Holistic Equine, visit: <http://holisticequinebooks.co.uk/products>

***Mileage charge additional - calculated from HU15 1RE at cost (see <http://holisticequinebooks.co.uk/category/terms-and-conditions>) for up to date information.**

Mileage charges will be shared when visiting more than one owner at the same location on the same day.

Going shoeless responsibly and effectively is considered a cost effective management practice. It can save you long term in vet bills (potentially caused as a result of damage to the feet and body due to inappropriate environmental stimulus). It can also lead to a happier, healthier, longer and more rewarding relationship with your horse!

Contact us to book an appointment or for more information about holistic horse care.

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Before HPT method.....



...and 4 weeks later!