



Equitherapist Ismo Haapanen at your service



Equitherapist

is a horse therapist and chiropractor specializing in the prevention and treatment of injuries in the horses' musculoskeletal apparatus.

An Equitherapist can even give complementary care after a veterinarian's diagnose and treatment.

With the help of an Equitherapist you can speed up the healing and the rehabilitation process. Besides that it is often possible to reach more complete healing results.

Turn to me when your horse has problems.

For example:

when your trotter

- is not moving with clean gaits
- is crooked/hangs on a line
- is dragging a hind leg
- suffers from back pains
- has muscle pains or tendon problems
- breaks stride easily
- has an asymmetrical muscling
- displays behavioral changes

when your riding horse

- tilts its head
- won't canter in one direction or bucks when departing into canter
- won't bend in one direction
- often refuses to jump / has a poor technique
- is clearly tender in the back, reacts to saddling etc.
- acts in ways that differ from the normal

Ismo Haapanen

Dipl. Equitherapist

I am also an entrepreneur (HorseWell/Fysio Healing Ltd.), saddle fitter, homeopath and a member of the Suomen Hippos Education Board. I have accomplished the Hippos racehorse trainer courses (C-B-A-levels), several diet and nutritional courses and other programs within veterinary medicine and equine well-being. Continuous education and getting new information is very important to me.

Since 1988 I have worked with both hobby-, race- and show horses and their problems, mainly in Finland and Sweden but also in other European countries and the United States.

My work includes

- equine chiropractic (spine and joint problems)
- examining the horse's physiological state and posture
- stretching, local massage and other muscle treatments
- acupuncture and triggerpoint treatments behandlingar
- appliance treatments: laser, ultrasound treatments and electrotherapy
- shoeing and training advice
- diet advice and homeopathy
- saddle fitting

I make house calls as agreed, when there are several horses in the same place, with regard to the driving distance.



Kontakta mig gärna på svenska.



Through the years I've had the pleasure and the honor to participate in the care of many types of horses, all the way up to world record level. When it comes to treatment, each individual is equally important – regardless of whether it is a family pony or a top racehorse.

**An Equitherapist has a liability insurance.
Equitherapy with a veterinarians reference is covered by the veterinary care insurance.**

Consultations and lectures about equine well-being can be arranged, with over 20 years experience. Please contact me through email ismo.haapanen@fysiohealing.fi

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK:

-I've had the pleasure of owning and training several successful trotters. Once in a while the horses needed manual and physical therapies, besides veterinary care. Since the beginning of the 90's I've my horses have been helped in their movement patterns and muscle care through my cooperation with Ismo Haapanen, whose professional skills have been a great help.

My horse had back problems due to an accident. Each treatment has brought about a significant improvement in the horse's well-being and movements. With the feeding advice we got from Ismo the horse has even started building some muscle to support the spine and thus we've been able to lengthen the treatment interval.

I got a horse in training that was crooked to the left. We took the horse to Ismo for treatment. After the first treatment the horse was completely straightened out and in the next race shaved off over 2 seconds of his record.

*"The horse is my best teacher. To work with horses means continuous learning – each horse is a unique individual. Horses show their aches and pains in different ways in their behavior. Therefore my highest reward is to win the horses trust and cooperation."
- Ismo Haapanen*

- Ismo examined my horse's back at the Horse Hospital and found movement restrictions and pinched nerves in the lower back area. On the second treatment time we selected a new saddle for the horse with Ismo. Now the stumbling has become just sporadic and the hind quarters move in a relaxed way again. The best part is that now the horse is his own happy self again!

In the examination Ismo found blockings in the cervical and lumbar spine that he was able to loosen up. Immediately the pony's general movement became a lot active, all gaits improved notably and even bending became easy. The hysterical shying and bolting when ridden and the depression about exercises were apparently just attempts to flee from the pain.

- My 5-year old mare had problems with the trot, she broke into gallop the whole time. After the second treatment she was trotting on the track already, so there is hope for us, too. When the vet couldn't find so much wrong with the legs, the real help came from Haapanen's back treatments.

Read more (in Finnish):

www.horsewell.fi/Equiterapiapalautetta.html

We recommend

Ilkka Korpi, racehorse trainer
Jari Ansio, teacher at Ypäjä Horse Institute
Joonas Vahtera, show jumper
Jouni Laiho, farrier
Kari Vepsä, western rider
Kimmo Sulkala, dressage rider
Kirsi Hagner, trainer of young riding horses
Lars-Erik Stenberg, racehorse trainer
Markus Laios, osteopath/animal physio
Minna Kempainen, dressage rider
Satu Olkkonen, veterinarian
Seppo Hyyppä, veterinarian
Suvi Matilainen, teacher at Horse Massage School
Tanja Lepistö, youth leader
Tom Eriksson, racehorse trainer
Timo Sohlberg, breeder

"We have very positive experiences from our cooperation. We work together for the best of the horses."



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