



## **Alumni Association Membership Declaration**

### ***Code of Ethics***

"As a Member of my Profession (Applied Equine Podiatry) and as a Member of the Institute of Applied Equine Podiatry Alumni Association:"

I solemnly pledge to dedicate myself to the health and well being of the horse.

I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity.

The health of those horses' in my care will be my first consideration.

I will maintain by all the means in my power, the honor of my profession.

I promise that my knowledge will be used to benefit the horse's health. They are my first concern.

I will listen to their owners and provide the best care I can.

I will be honest, respectful and compassionate towards all horses and their owners.

In emergencies, I will do my best to help, and to offer referral of a competent veterinarian when needed.

I will make every effort to ensure that the rights of all my clients are respected, including those of the horse, who lack means of making their needs known.

My professional judgment will be exercised as independently as possible, and not be influenced by political pressures or by factors such as the social standing of the client. I will not put personal profit or advancement above my duty to the horse.

I recognize the special value of the equine life, but I also know that the prolongation of equine life is not the only aim of Applied Equine Podiatry. Where euthanizing is permitted, I agree that it should take place only within an ethical and legal framework. I will not provide services which are pointless or harmful or those services which an informed and competent veterinarian rules as such.

I will ensure clients receive the information and support they want to make decisions about the welfare of their horses.

I will answer as truthfully as I can and respect clients' decisions, unless that puts the horse at risk of harm. If I cannot agree with their requests, I will explain why.

If my client has limited knowledge of Applied Equine Podiatry, I will still encourage them to participate in decisions, as much as they feel able and willing to do so.

I will do my best to maintain confidentiality about all clients and their horses. If there are overriding reasons which prevent my keeping a client's confidentiality I will explain them.

I will recognize the limits of my knowledge and seek advice from colleagues when necessary.

I will acknowledge my mistakes.

I will do my best to keep myself and colleagues informed of new developments and ensure that poor standards or bad practices are exposed to those who can improve them.

I pledge to continue my learning.

I will show respect for all those with whom I work and be ready to share my knowledge appropriately and responsibly.

I will use my training and professional standing to improve the equine community in which I work. I will treat clients equitably and support a fair and humane distribution of hoof care resources.

I will try to influence positively authorities whose policies harm equine health.

I will oppose policies which breach internationally accepted standards of animal welfare and care.

I will strive to change laws which are contrary to the horses' interests or to my professional ethics.

I will not misrepresent my profession (*Applied Equine Podiatry*) by any means, be it by *title* or *practice*.

***"I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor."***

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_