



## Job Focus: Horse Chiropractor

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### **HOW MANY WEEKS A YEAR DO YOU WORK?**

I work approximately 50 weeks each year, but because of the amount of travel I need to do to see the horses it isn't very often that I work more than 4 days each week.

### **WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL REALITY OF THIS JOB?**

If you are willing to put in the time and do the work you can earn a good living.

Expenses are reasonable other than fuel and wear and tear on your vehicle. I put over 100,000 km on my truck every year!

### **WHAT IS THE BEST ROUTE TO BECOMING AN EQUINE CHIROPRACTOR?**

I recommend to anyone who wishes to be a horse chiropractor, stay in school and become a vet or a human chiropractor first. Then really think about how much physical labor is acceptable to you once you are educated. It is possibly more physical than someone could expect!

### **WHAT CHARACTERISTICS DOES A PERSON NEED TO EXCEL IN THIS FIELD?**

People skills are a must. Building relationships with clients and other professionals is key. I have always said that what we do works best when it can be part of a team effort. Communicating well with owners, riders, farriers, and veterinarians about certain horses is very beneficial.

### **WHAT ARE THE POSITIVES AND NEGATIVES?**

The negative side of this job is all the travel that's necessary, and with all of the heavy lifting and pulling it is hard on my body.

The positive part is the blessing to be able to work with horses and their owners every day. I truly love the horses.