

## **Hippotherapy – man and horse in therapeutic relations**

### **Summary**

Hippotherapy wins more and more people over among parents of disabled children and among specialists taking care of disabled people. This phenomenon is caused together by hippotherapy's primal influence on physical senses and by the healing power of the human-animal connection which is the base of hippotherapy's therapeutic success. Healing properties of the patient-horse relationship come from a specific group of horse's individual characteristics, physical features (e.g. conformation, movement) and its mental features that are an effect of equine sensibility.

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