



## Final Thoughts

Here is what we tell our trim students. Every hoofcare professional should abide by these rules

We talk a lot about education because we think a good education can really take you far in your relationship with horses.

Knowledge is essential, but knowledge alone certainly isn't enough. You must be able to act on your knowledge. You must put it to work because *doing* is how you learn and how you ultimately prove yourself.

Don't underestimate anything until you try it. You need hands-on involvement to understand anything to know the problems you'll face. You have to gain experience, and that only comes from actually *doing* - and *doing* often. If you have clients, remember that they have high expectations, in general higher expectations of you than of themselves. There will be many unknowns that you have to tackle every day. We have tried to teach you all the basics so you may be well prepared for the future challenges. Once you start into the practical trimming environment you will find out how much you learned. With every horse you trim, you will become more experienced. You will find that every day you trim better than yesterday. We hope you will continue to learn and share your experiences with others.

Let's recap a few very important points:

Before trimming any compromised horse have everything in place:

Owner education and compliance including, but not limited to walking, soaking, paying for frequent trims, providing natural lifestyle

Correct terrain for the rehabilitation you are attempting  
Detoxification

Veterinary support including x-rays where indicated

**If you need any of the above and cannot obtain it, walk away from it. You cannot help a horse when you don't have all the right tools. You cannot do "just a little". There are no "holding patterns" in natural hoofcare rehabilitation. You either make progress, or the horse will regress. Engage the help of your peers, your instructors and your veterinarian when you are in doubt.**

Keep on learning. Keep on seeking answers for your questions.