



Andover Veterinarian Kurt Weber, who specializes in chiropractic treatment for horses, works on one of his patients. Photo: Ben Daniels

Kurt Weber: Horse Chiropractor

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Dr. Kurt Weber is standing on a stool beside a horse, his hands rest on it's back, ready to give the horse its first adjustment. He pushes down, and the next

and chiropractor. He lives in Andover with his wife Karin Clough, and three kids, Finn, Luke, and Sofia Weber, he loves being involved in his community.

What the heck is a horse chiropractor you might ask? Well, being an equine chiropractor is exactly what it sounds like, he adjusts horses' backs so they can feel and perform better. Whether it's a show horse, a horse that won't run a certain way, or a horse that is not moving well, a proper spinal adjustment can fix it. Horses are ridden all the time, so naturally, there are going to be areas in their back that aren't aligned properly. Whether it's saddle placement or the riding style, a good back-cracking can help with the problem. Kurt sums it up, "The main goal of chiropracting is really to keep the horse moving properly."

Kurt explained how it works. He stands up on a stool next to the horse to get above its back, then he feels around to "...find areas that are moving less than I feel they should be moving." When he finds a problem area, he makes the adjustment. He also works on the legs as



Dr. Kurt Weber is a veterinarian specializing in Chiropractic Treatment of Horses. He is also active in the community.

thing he knows he's lying flat on the floor, realizing the horse has just kicked the stool out from underneath him with lightning speed. Kurt observes with a smile, "It's a good reminder of how fast a horse can move... you know, the moments you remember are the ones where you almost feel like your life is in jeopardy a little."

This is just one of the many stories Kurt has in his nearly ten years of being an equine chiropractor, and his nearly twenty years as a veterinarian. Kurt attended the University of Tennessee where he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1992. He then went on to study in Germany at an accredited Animal Chiropractic school called "Options For Animals" while he and his family were living in Kenya. They later moved back to the United States where he completed the course in 2008. He now owns a business in Andover, Ragged Mountain Equine Veterinary Services, where he specializes in treating horses as a veterinarian



Dr. Weber at work with one of his patients. Photo: Ben Daniels

well if they are out of line. You might think that with such a large animal it would have to be sedated so it doesn't fight back or react in an uncooperative way, but that's rarely the case.

Kurt very rarely has to sedate horses. See Weber on page 26

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Winners of the "I Am History, Too" at AE/MS are: Emma McNutt (front), left to right: Paige Orcutt, Takoda Rosser, Talia Hardie, Addison Bickford, Alyssa Wheeler and Lissa Teeter. Missing from photo: Wyatt Barton.

Photo: Larry Chase

Historical Society's "I Am History, Too" Winners Selected

Press Release

The Andover Historical Society is pleased to announce the winners of its "I Am History, Too" contest for the students of Andover Elementary and Middle School.

Grade 3 student Emma McNutt won First Prize and \$50 for her triptych on the history of 96 Channel Road in East Andover. Grade 4 students Paige Orcutt, Talia Hardie, Lissa Teeter and Wyatt Barton won Second Prize and \$25 each for their poster project about Potter Place. Grade 4 students Takoda Rosser, Addison Bickford and Alyssa

Wheeler won Third Prize and \$10 each for their poster about JJ's Market in Andover Village. All except Barton, who was absent when photo was taken, are shown above, along with their checks and certificates noting their achievement.

The annual contest invites students to create a written, oral, or visual project that celebrates a person, place or thing which they think is important in their lives today. The winning projects will be on display at the Andover Historical Society Museum in Potter Place this summer.



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