A SOCIAL PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH IN HORSE ACTIVITIES: COMPENSATORY EDUCATION AND SUPPORTING ONE’S SOCIAL GROWTH IN A STABLE COMMUNITY

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A social pedagogical approach in horse activities might be one way to find new activities for helping deprived children and youngsters and to enhance their welfare. The aim is to develop a stable community and surroundings in an educational way and to improve knowledge of possibilities for using social pedagogical horse activities of those professionals who teach at riding schools and work at stables. In our stables in Finland there are many youngsters, the majority of whom have their lives in quite good order. In addition, there are also those who have different kinds of social and educational problems. Social pedagogical thinking in horse activities creates potential opportunities to help those who already seem to have problems in their personal lives.