

Eric Laarakker – veterinary acupuncturist/holistic veterinarian, teacher, founder of Healthcare-Academy Den Hoek

Eric Laarakker has been working as a holistic veterinarian and researcher, ever since he graduated as veterinarian from the Dutch University of Utrecht, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in 1992.

During his study veterinary medicine, Eric Laarakker got convinced that besides Western medicine, also other treatment methods and visions – such as Chinese medicine – are essential to be able to heal an animal (and/or human) in its total aspect. Therefore, after obtaining his degree in veterinary medicine, he followed courses in Chiropractics, Osteopathy, Manual therapies, Phytotherapy, Classic homeopathy, Chinese acupuncture, Japanese acupuncture, Neural therapy and other energetic treatments.

The knowledge and broad experience in holistic veterinary medicine that he built up over many years has further developed and deepened his beliefs and visions in this field.

Over the years, Eric developed a holistic protocol, in which many therapies complete each other. As a result of this holistic protocol many horses, small animals and humans were successfully treated, after being 'given up' by regular Western veterinarians and medical practitioners.

Eric is as researcher closely involved with the international research institute Water&Light bv. Water & Light performs investigations on health and the quality of crops and food for humans and animals. At the Water&Light Laboratory a technology platform is created dedicated to the role of biophotonics, water, light and system physiology in life sciences. The research is characterized by multidisciplinary cooperation with various universities and research companies. Its focus is on development of new concepts and breakthrough improvements in existing biophotonics technology (www.waterandlight.eu).

In addition, he is as researcher/developer very active in developing products and new treatments methods in systemic medicine. Amongst others, he has – in collaboration with the Dutch NML Health company – developed the series of 100% natural health products by Phytonics (www.phytonicsmed.com)

Eric is a teacher at several educational institutes and he gives lectures in the Netherlands and abroad. He is author of the book 'Paardentypen' in which he describes different characters of horses based on the 5 Chinese elements, published in The Netherlands in 2007. And he is the co-author of the book 'Het tevreden paard' meaning the contented horse, about horse welfare in practice, published in The Netherlands in 2009.

Eric is an inspired man, devoted to continue his activities as veterinarian, researcher, developer and teacher. Besides that, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends and horse back riding with his Arabian stallion Hassan.