

## **PLEASE READ BEFORE PUTTING THE SOCKS ON YOUR HORSE!**

Thank you for buying Summer Whinnys®! Your horse will appreciate it. We want your first experience putting the socks on and taking them off to be easy.

Put the enclosed plastic ziplock bag on the hoof and then pull the sock on over the bag. The sock should easily slide over the hoof and onto the leg. Remove the bag. Allow the horse to put its weight on the leg. Then adjust the sock. If your horse won't tolerate the bag, cover any rough spots on the hoof with duct tape and then pull the socks on. Both ways protect the socks from being snagged on the hooves and make putting them on a breeze. The bottom of the sock has the colored yarn on it. This "cuff" partially covers the hoof.

The new design of the Summer Whinnys® are improved to allow for the free motion of the fetlock and pastern joint so that this motion is no longer pulling down on the top of the socks. If in the first day the socks fall below mid cannon bone, take them off; wash them in warm water in the washing machine and then dry in hot heat. This will "set" the yarn and elastic making the sock tighter on the leg. This is still a very safe level of compression, but we leave the yarns "unset" and loose until you have had a chance to get the hang of putting them on the horse.

Your horse may decide to have a good run and buck session. If it lasts longer than 5-10 minutes, you may have to adjust the socks again but you should be pleasantly surprised at just how much activity these socks can withstand before slipping down. Also, because the socks are so soft, some horses like rubbing their faces on them. You may have to adjust the socks a little more in the beginning if this is your horse, but usually they get over it in a few days.

Moisture enhances the effect of the copper and silver ions in the socks. They withstand being soaked from rain, covered in mud and you can leave them on while you bathe your horse. The added weight of the water or mud may cause them to sag. Simply pull them up and let them dry on the leg. If muddy, brush off the dried mud when the socks are dry. You may need to adjust them in the mornings and evenings when you feed. They should exhibit great "stay put" protection for at least 3-4 days in a row.

Wash and dry them every 3-4 days to restore their original shape and sizing. **DO NOT USE BLEACH.** We are not sure if bleach will affect the copper and silver ions. You can use a non-bleach whitener. If a sock gets a hole punched in it by a pasture hazard, take it off and use a sewing machine to mend the hole with a zig-zag stitch. Holes can happen, but the socks mended beautifully and can withstand a lot of horse abuse. Our socks have lasted a full summer and are going on their second and our horses are pasture kept.

We've never had a horse hurt or injured because of our socks. We do not recommend that you ride your horse while it is wearing Summer Whinnys®.

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