

## SILVER WHINNYS® WOUND/SORE PROTECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Summer Whinnys®, now called Silver Whinnys® have a new name to send the message that Silver Whinnys® belong in the barn med chest all year long. When using Silver Whinnys to protect wounds, scratches, mud fever, summer sores, or dew poisoning on the legs this protocol regarding the use of our socks will guide you to the greatest success. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE BACK OF THE INSTRUCTIONS PAGE "PUTTING ON SILVER WHINNYS".

If the condition is on all 4 legs, start in the a.m. of the first day with only two socks. Observe your horse to make sure that he/she is comfortable wearing the socks. If comfortable, leave the first two socks on overnight. Add the second pair 24 hours later and again observe that your horse is comfortable with the socks.

It is important to change the socks every day with clean socks. The silver in the socks can finally be overwhelmed by the dirt in the environment so changing them will keep the silver at optimum power in the socks. Machine wash and dry using fragrance free detergent, no bleach, no fabric softener. Machine washing and drying is the way to optimally clean the socks to restore the action of the silver in the yarn. The socks can be washed over and over without any degradation or weakening of the silver for the life of the socks. For acute dermatitis change the socks twice daily if you can.

There may be a fast healing that can cause intense itching for the first week or so. If the socks aren't staying up it could be that the horse is rubbing the legs to relieve the itching. That itching may occur anywhere from a day to 3 days after putting on the socks. Call us if you need help with ideas for keeping the socks up and over the sores, wounds or injury. It may take some extra taping. It may take a visit from your vet to help relieve the itching.

Wounds and sores can be painful. Be careful around your horse if he is not tolerating being handled. Call us. We have Silver Whinnys in other forms of bandaging that can be utilized more safely until healing occurs and the pain is alleviated. Your horse may need medications to relieve the pain and when your horse is putting you at risk, or the pain is amplified by taking the socks off or putting them on, we are likely to advise that you bring your veterinarian in for pain management.

### **SERIOUS MEDICAL EMERGENCIES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE VETERINARY ATTENTION:**

#### **Symptoms**

1. Sudden and unexpected swelling
2. A high fever
3. Pain, to touching or palpating
4. A three legged lameness, where the horse can't put the leg down on the ground and is avoiding your touching him.

**Your response in minutes , NOT hours can make a difference between permanent damage or a positive recovery outcome for your horse.**

If you are riding your horse, remove the socks unless you can put a performance boot over the sock to maintain its position on the leg. Check the position of the sock often as you ride. When you bring your horse back in, rinse the legs and put on clean socks. That would be the perfect time to change the socks for the day.

Use the plastic bags provided in the packaging to apply the socks. Do not use the same bags over and over. Use the bag one time only so that the leg is not re-infected with bacteria. Buy plain "Hefty Baggies" one-gallon size. They are in a red box with the bags on a roll. They are not "zip-lock" bags.

Call us at 850-907-5724 if you having difficulties, or e-mail to [soxforhorses@gmail.com](mailto:soxforhorses@gmail.com) and include your phone number. Our goal is to help you succeed with healing your horse's legs.