

## Product Review September 2007 HOOF WRAPS

I was given an opportunity to try out a new concept in hoof care. It is the Hoof Wrap.

It is designed to be used for abscesses, stone bruises or tender soles in turnout, which most temporary inexpensive boots are not made for. These boots wrap VERY well around the hoof, the Velcro is industrial grade, does not come off easily and wears extremely well. Very well made boot for turnout on most any horse.

There is a pad insert made of flexible EVA foam that is a cushion to the sole. You can cut a hole in it for a bruise or abscess and medicate that area or keep it intact to use as a cushion.

One of the best things about this wrap is that it is inexpensive (only \$14.00), it is portable and will fit easily in a saddle bag. A great item to keep in your first aid kit.....just in case.

I used it on 5 horses, one of them for 2 days and it lasted through 7 days. It is not meant to be a permanent boot, but one to use while a horse is lame or transitioning from shoeless to barefoot.



The insert flattens out, so extra inserts would extend the life of the boot a bit longer. They are easy to put on, there are numbered flaps so all you do is clean the hoof, medicate as desired (or not at all) put the insert in, read and fold...done!

I plan to have one in my saddle bag and the barn, great for Christmas presents just to have as a precaution. You never know when you will need a boot, either on a trail ride, in the pasture or away from home. For \$14.00, you can always have a solution for a sore foot!

Of all the temporary, inexpensive boots I have tried, this one is the best. It lasted 7 days with a worn look, but never came apart and with a new pad insert, would have a longer life. The price is well worth having one in your barn.

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