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DECEMBER REVIEW

This month I am reviewing a product that I was a bit leery of reviewing, but once I tried it, I decided that the horse community should know about it.

I have one horse that has very crumbly, soft, cracking hooves and have tried many products, but none have worked. My farrier doesn't believe in the "apply on" oil based type of product as in his many years of shoeing, he has not seen them work. Those type of products seemed to deteriorate the hoof more than help it. He had heard of this product and knew it had been successful, so we tried it on my horse.

It is Keratex Hoof Hardener, a lotion that you "paint" on and it allows the hoof wall to breathe and function normally. It does not coat it with varnish or oils. It is a gentle acting chemical formulation which forms additional intermolecular bonds between molecules of keratin by a process called 'cross linking'. Keratin is the main protein constituent of horn and is best described as the 'building block' of the horn structure

“Keratex Hoof Hardener repairs damaged or weakened hooves, prevents cracking, strengthens horn and improves the security of shoes within hours of the first application.”

After using this for 3 months, I have noticed a huge difference in my horses hooves. The cracks are slowly disappearing, her hooves do not peel and split and the nails stay in, even as wet as it has been. Over the years, I have tried supplements and external applications and none have worked as well as Keratex.....so far!

I would ask your vet or farrier before using this, just to make sure it is OK for your horse's particular needs. The horse I tried it on does have shoes and it worked so well, I used it on a horse of mine that does not wear shoes. She has only been using it for 1 month so it is hard to tell if there is a noticeable change, but I have noticed that her hoof wall seems to be a bit harder than it has been.

You can get this product online at www.mahtowameadows.com.