

December 2005 Product Review

Hoofwings

In my search for boots that I can use on my barefoot horse on rocky trail rides and questionable terrain, I have come across quite a few that would seem to do the job. Except for the fact that some of them are too bulky; do not stay on well; do not last; do not cleanup well or just don't fit.

So, I kept searching and found the Hoofwing....these are made specifically to your horses foot. You send them an outline of the hoof/bulb area and they are made to order, not just pulled of the shelf, one size fits all.

The bottom is made of a very strong, solid polyurethane that is very sturdy and not at all slippery on any surface I have been on. As with any boot, on a paved surface that is wet, it is prudent to be careful, even with bare feet or a shod horse. The outer "wings" are a strong neoprene that stretches and doesn't rub the hoof or bulb anywhere. They are very well made, sturdy and keep rocks and other debris from hurting the hoof/sole.

You can also order "socks" to use in the boot on the hoof (if needed), after the hoof is trimmed when the toe may be shorter.

I used these boots in creeks, through muddy areas, on gravel roads and paved roads. All in all, these were just as good as having shoes on my horse as far as her reaction to the rocky terrain. They did not slip or come off in the mud nor did water affect them. It didn't take any time for my horse to get used to the fact that she could walk anywhere, with out feeling the gravel.

I brushed them off when I got home, let them dry out of the sun and put them up. The neoprene was easy to clean and wasn't torn.

The company and people are wonderful to work with, very helpful and knowledgeable and will answer any question you may have.

The website is <http://www.horsneaker.com/index.html> or phone # 520-455-5164, talk to either Mary or Frank.

