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We would also be very interested to know how these suggestions work for you. We greatly appreciate your input.

Abscesses

* For a hoof abscess, wash thoroughly with Antibacterial Liquid Soap and then soak the area with T36-C5, Wrap the hoof after treating it so that it will remain as clean as possible. Repeat this process three times each day even after the abscess has drained, for a full ten days. If the condition does not improve within twenty-four hours, contact your vet. An alternate solution would be to put a capful of Sol-U~Mel in about a quart of warm water and soak the abscessed foot.

All purpose spray mixture

* Combine T6 ounces of Sol-U-Mel and 4 ounces of Tough & Tender in -a 1-gallon bucket of water. (Use distilled water if possible.) Blend thoroughly and use this as a spray to challenging areas.

Barbed wire cuts

* Combine 2 ounces of Sol-U-Mel with 1/2 teaspoons of Tough & Tender and 10 drops of T36-C5 in a 16-ounce spray bottle with water. Treat the cut with this mixture twice each day. It is amazing how little scarring there will be.

Bathing See Horses - Washing

CLEANING TACK AND BARN SUPPLIES

* Clean buckets and water troughs used for your horses with Sol-U-Guard. Tough & Tender can also be used for cleaning the containers for your horse's water. After cleaning, a few capfuls of Sol-U-Mel can be added to the water trough when you fill it to kill the bacteria. Clean bits and leather with Tough & Tender, and shine the bits with Tub&Tile.

Wash the saddle pads with MelaPower after each use. Don't use MelaSoft, as it is better that the pads remain absorbent. The winter blankets can also be washed in MelaPower.

Use Moisturizing Hand Creme, with approximately 5 drops of T36-C5 added to it, to soften any leather and make it pliable again. Use it on leather riding gloves (when you are finished using them, leave them on your hands and put this mixture on just like you would put it on your hands). They will stay soft and last much longer. It is also very effective on dry bridles.

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Another suggestion is to condition the leather with Rustic Touch after it has been cleaned with Tough & Tender or Antibacterial Liquid Soap. (It can also be used to condition vinyl—like the interior of your old truck!)

Moisturizing Hand Creme can be used instead of Rustic Touch to condition leather after cleaning and your hands will love it, too!

Tough & Tender can be used to clean tack, and it can be used in a power sprayer to clean the barn or house. Some spray it on the walls to repel flies. It is perfect to wash the horse trailer that has sat around all winter and has mildew.

See also Horses - Washing in this book.

Cuts, scrapes and burns

* On any cut, scrape or burn use the Horses - All Purpose Spray Mixture on the injured area twice a day until it is healed. Cuts, scrapes, and burns can be serious if left untreated. T36-C5 is very effective when used on almost any injury as is the Mela-Gel and the Triple Antibiotic Ointment.

A quick way to clean an open wound is to sponge on Sol-U-Mel. It is a very effective cleanser. Mela-Gel is also very effective for cuts on horses. Antibacterial Foot Spray can also be used to spray on small wounds.

Cross-firing wounds See Horses - Over Reaching

DERMATITIS

* Dermatitis is usually seen on horses that have not received proper care. Place your horse in a dry, clean, isolated, area or stall and bathe thoroughly. (See the section on Horses - Washing in this book.) Apply Renew Intensive Skin Therapy, or Triple Antibiotic Ointment 2-3 times each day until the condition improves. T36-C5 can also be applied to certain conditions with a cotton ball.

Provide your horse with plenty of fresh, clean water and proper food and contact your vet if the condition does not improve in a reasonable amount of time.

Dry cracked hooves

* A mixture of 1 ounce of Sol-U-Mel-blended into 32 ounces of water in spray bottle is a very effective spray for dry hooves. Spray the hoof walls and soles.

Ears

* Horses are often prone to ear infections, sometimes caused by parasites. When applying to the ears use a dropper and massage it in. Be careful of the animal shaking its head. Do not put the dropper inside the ear. Combine 1 drop of T36-C5 and 1 teaspoon of olive oil and apply a few drops to each ear. Wipe away the excess. Repeat twice each day if possible until alleviated. If the infection persists, see a vet.

Fly control in stall areas

* For fly control in the stall areas, spray the area liberally with a 16-ounce spray bottle of water mixed with 1 teaspoon of Tough & Tender and 2 ounces of Sol-U-Mel carefully protect the horse's eyes and face from any type of spray. Apply liberally early in the day. This solution may be sprayed on the horse's body to repel flies.

It has also been suggested to try blending 2 tablespoons of Tough & Tender with 2 capfuls of Renew Bath Oil, 1/2 capful of Sol-U-Mel, and 5-10 drops of T36-C5 in 32 ounces of water in a spray bottle. This is a strong mixture for the worst part of fly season and in the fall as the bug population decreases; the Sol-U-Mel and J36-C5 can be decreased. This works on face flies and horse flies, as well as black houseflies.

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Some mix '4 cup of Tough & Tender with 2 oz. of Sol-U-Mel, and 2 oz. of Renew Bath Oil in a gallon of water. This spray is more effective the more you use it. It seems that the oil accumulates over time so you need to have some patience in the spring. You have to start off spraying more often. This mixture can also be used to repel bugs on you. Combining Moisturizing Hand Creme with 5 drops of T36-C5 makes a very effective mixture for preventing small black flies on horses' ears and muzzles, at is great for your arms, face and neck as well.) It has also been suggested to mix a little of the Melaleuca Sun-Shades into the fly spray mixture. Some think that it works even better that way. The Sun-Shades have also been used directly on the horse's face to keep the flies and mosquitoes off of them.

Fly bites

* Apply T36-C5 directly to the area of the bite. Repeat application every two hours until swelling and itching disappear. Cover the oil with Mela-Gel, Triple Antibiotic Ointment or any type of moisturizer to prevent dryness. Antibacterial Foot Spray can be very helpful to stop itching from bites.

Foot rot

* Spray the hoof(s) twice each day with the Horses - All Purpose Spray Mixture. If the feet are severely affected, clean and trim the hoof(s).

Fungus

* Horses with white feet will get dew poisoning or a fungus on their white feet or on their noses at certain times of the year. Dry the horse's legs when they come in and apply Dermatin or Triple Antibiotic Ointment or Mela-Gel

Galls

See Horses - Saddle Sores

Girth itch

* Fill a 16-ounce spray bottle with water and 2 teaspoons of Nature's Cleanse. Spray this on areas that are affected by girth itch and other fungicidal or pesticidal skin irritations. No rinsing is necessary. Two applications will usually completely clear up serious problems. Antibacterial Foot Spray can be very helpful to stop itching from fungal conditions.

Gnats

* Triple Antibiotic Ointment used on the horse's ears will keep the gnats away for a day or so. Mela-Gel used the same way will keep them away for 3 or 4 days. Also, it will heal any bites in the ears. Put a dollop on the end of your thumb and run it up the inside of the ear and on the underside in the tender area where the gnats bite.

Greasy heel

* Clean the affected area with Antibacterial Liquid Soap and warm water. Spray twice a day with a mixture of '4 teaspoon of T36-C5 and V2 cup of water. If the area cracks, apply Mela-Gel or Triple Antibiotic Ointment. If the area oozes, keep it as dry as possible by treating it only with the oil mixture. After it dries, dust the area with pure cornstarch. This is a very sensitive area and if you encounter challenges with the treatment, try spraying the mixture on the horse's leg or soaking it in a bucket. Covering it with a cotton sock can help, too. Be sure to change it twice a day.

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Groin injury

* Horses can easily get injured on fences, especially if they get spooked. Generally an injury will have to be sutured and the recommended treatment is to inject the area with betadine solution three times a day for perhaps months. Try using Sol-U-Mel in water in place of the betadine. You will be amazed how quickly the area will heal.

HORSES - HOOF ROT

* Mix 8 ounces of Sol-U-Mel, 1 1/2 teaspoons of Tough & Tender and 1 1/2 quarts of water. Clean the foot with the solution and then wrap it with gauze soaked in the solution. Remove the bandage after four days and if the foot still needs treatment, start spraying the solution on the unwrapped foot two times each day until the foot is healed.

Insects

* Mix 1/3 of the small bottle of T36-C5 with 32 ounces of water in a spray bottle. It is a very effective insect repellent and costs approximately \$2 per bottle as opposed to \$7 - 10 for insect spray from the discount tack stores. (Shake before applying.)

Triple Antibiotic Ointment, Mela-Gel and T36-C5 should be used for tick bites and other insect bites.

Horses have been known to be allergic to mosquito saliva. In such cases, giving the horse a saturation dose of ProVex and then cutting back until the maintenance dose is determined, has been very effective. Even more economical is to give the horse ProVexCV to manage the condition.

Leg mange

* This condition can be contagious and therefore the horse should be isolated and all space and equipment should be disinfected after the condition is cleared up. This includes destroying or burning any straw or shavings that have been in contact with the infected horse. See the section on Horses - Cleaning in this book.

Clean the area thoroughly with Antibacterial Liquid Soap and warm water. Then saturate a cotton ball with T36-C5 and treat the affected area. Repeat twice a day until the condition clears. Gloves should be worn for protection.

An alternate treatment is to soak a leg wrap in T36-C5 and wrap the leg. Change the bandage 1-2 times each day.

Leg mange can also be treated by spraying the affected area with 1 tablespoon of T36-C5 mixed with 1/2 cup of water. Spray the affected area and the surrounding area to prevent spreading of the mange.

Lice

* Use Naturals Melaleuca Oil Shampoo to get rid of lice and discourage ticks. It also softens mane and tail hair, encourages growth and prevents tangles. It is anti-static, which means dust does not collect as readily. In addition, it helps prevent any skin fungus.

Mange

* The horse should be isolated in a clean, dry stall and the affected areas should be washed thoroughly with Antibacterial Liquid Soap and warm water. Apply T36-C5 with a cotton ball and allowed to dry. Treat your horse twice a day for 7-10 days or until signs of the mites are gone. To prevent recontamination, disinfect the stall as well as all brushes, tools and other equipment that were used while caring for the horse. (See the section on Horses - Cleaning in this book.)

Nail puncture wounds

WARNING: If the nail is still in the horse's foot, do not remove it until a veterinarian has decided whether or not to x-ray.

* The position of the nail near the bone must be determined to predict the outcome of this

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injury. Horses have very poor circulation in the frog of their feet. Sometimes surgery may be needed. Otherwise, begin soaking the foot in a mixture of 2 capfuls of Sol-U-Mel and 1 capful of Antibacterial Liquid Soap in 2 quarts of warm water for 30 minutes morning and evening. After soaking, apply T36-C5, then Mela-Gel and cover the area with gauze. Repeat for 3 weeks even if the horse walks without a limp before that time.

NEWBORN FOAL.

* The umbilical cord of newborn animals must be treated shortly after the animal's birth to prevent infection. Treat the umbilical cord with T36-C5 and it will dry up in a few days with no signs of infection. The ability of the Melaleuca oil to penetrate and kill harmful bacteria without irritating sensitive tissues is ideal for this purpose.

ODOR CONTROL.

* Blending 1 ounce of Sol-U-Mel into a 32-ounce spray bottle of water is a very effective mixture for stall odor control. Spray on any wet urine spots in the stall and it will immediately take the odor away.

Over reaching

* These wounds can be very painful and tend to be very sensitive. You may want to spray the wound first with a mixture of T36-C5 and water to take out the initial pain before cleaning. Wait a few moments and then clean the wound thoroughly with Antibacterial Liquid Soap and warm water. Treat again with T36-C5, Mela-Gel or Triple Antibiotic Ointment. Put a cotton sock over the foot and secure. This will allow the area to breathe while protecting it. Repeat the treatment daily until the foot heals.

PRESSURE SORES

See Horses - Saddle Sores

Quittor

* Clean the hoof wall thoroughly with Antibacterial Liquid Soap and warm water, allow to dry. Apply Mela-Gel or Triple Antibiotic Ointment. This is a very sensitive situation and straight T36-C5 is not recommended, although some prefer to spray the area with a mixture of 1/4 teaspoon of T36-C5 and 1/2 cup of water. A vet should see serious or neglected conditions.

Ringworm

* Spray the affected area with the Horses - All Purpose Spray Mixture as needed to heal.

It has also been suggested that T36-C5 is good for treating small areas of ringworm or any fungal challenges.

Your horse should be isolated, as ringworm is a very contagious fungus. This condition can be challenging to heal so don't give up. After the horse is clean of any signs of ringworm, disinfect the stall, halter, buckets and any grooming tools that were used during treatment. (See the section on Horses - Cleaning in this book).

Saddle sores

* These types of sores are usually caused by ill-fitted equipment or by abuse. Combine 15-20 drops of T36-C5 with >A cup of water and dab on the area with a cotton ball. Renew Intensive Skin Therapy, Mela-Gel or Triple Antibiotic Ointment can also be used to help heal these sores. Allow the sores to heal and correct the cause to prevent scarring.

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Sarcoid wart

* A type of wart called a sarcoid sometimes appears on young colts. It apparently is pretty common in colts and many times they will outgrow them. The common suggestion is to use iodine on them. Try T36-C5 instead, and see how quickly they will heal and not return.

Sheath cleaning

* Antibacterial Liquid Soap is great for sheath cleaning. It melts the smegma, as it is a natural solvent and very gentle. It is also good for washing manes and tails to stop itching. An alternate choice is to combine 1/4 teaspoon T36-C5 with 1 cup of sunflower seed oil and use in a squirt bottle.

Sores on mouth corners

* Apply T36-C5 to the sore areas followed by Renew Intensive Skin Therapy.

Summer sores

See Horses - Fly Bites

Sunburned noses

* If your horse has white markings on their faces, the pink skin at the bottom of their face and on their nose and lips doesn't grow hair in the summer and can be extremely sensitive to sunburn. Rub the Sun-Shades 15 or 30 on their faces each morning to prevent sunburn. It is also good for healing sunburn. Using Sun-Shades on darker horses such as black or liver chestnuts, will keep them from fading in the summer. It will also keep the flies off and can even be mixed into a fly spray mixture. (See the on Horses - Fly Control in Stall Areas section in this book.)

Sweet itch

For large areas, make up a large (150 ml) dark glass labeled bottle of 1 -2 teaspoons of T36-C5 and approximately 1/2 cup of coconut oil. Apply to the infected area with cotton wool. Try a 5% dilution initially. If there is no improvement in the itching try up to 10%, if there is no adverse reaction. If the condition persists, see your vet if you haven't already.

Ticks

To remove ticks, place several drops of T36-C5 onto each tick and wait a moment or two. The tick will usually begin to back out and can be encouraged by gently pulling with a pair of tweezers. NOTE: Be sure to cover your hands when handling the tick as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain tick fever can be contracted from such handlings.

Thrush

* Two teaspoons of Nature's Cleanse combined with 16 ounces of water is a very effective treatment for minor thrush. In more severe cases, increase the Nature's Cleanse to 3 teaspoons with the 16 ounces -of water. In 48 hours there should be no sign of thrush. To prevent the return of dry hoof walls and heels, spray with this mixture when the hoof is trimmed or cleaned. This will instantly deodorize the smell of thrush. Others use 1 tablespoon of Nature's Cleanse and 1 tablespoon of Renew Bath Oil in one pint of water. Spray on the hoof walls and sole. Minor thrush and dry hoof walls and heels will usually be cured in a single application. Try blending 2 tablespoons of Tough & Tender, 2 capfuls of Renew Bath Oil, 1/2 capful of Sol-U-Mel and 5-10 drops of T36-C5 in 32 ounces of water in a spray bottle and spraying on the hoof sole and around the frog to kill thrush.

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Thrush Continued

An alternate solution would be to blend 1 ounce of Sol-U-Mel in 32 ounces of water in a spray bottle and spray on the entire hoof to treat thrush.

It has also been suggested that 4 ounces of Sol-U-Mel, \Vi teaspoons of Tough & Tender, 10 drops of T36-C5 mixed together in a 16-ounce spray bottle with water, works very well for thrush. Spray generously 2-3 times each day and leave the area open to the air.

Some farriers say that Antibacterial Foot Spray is the best product ever to clear up thrush and other foot problems.

To prevent the thrush condition that occurs on the bottom of the horse's feet, have the farrier put Sol-U-Guard on when he take off the old shoes.

Trimming

* If the farrier trims your horse too short, it can become lame. Put 8-10 drops of T36-C5 in a dish and mix with enough Mela-Gel to be able to apply to all four feet. Put this mixture on the sole and hoof wall of each foot with a toothbrush. You should notice a difference within V2 hour. Continue this treatment morning and night for about a week and a half. The mixture takes away a lot of the pain and promotes healing.

Warts

* Although most warts clear up on their own, some do bleed. Putting T36-C5 on the wart will not only aid in the healing, but will help with the discomfort as well. This may need to be applied for several weeks. If the wart is bleeding, coating it with Mela-Gel or Triple Antibiotic Ointment will help.

See the section on Horses - Sarcoid Wart in this book.

HORSES WASHING- —

* Use Naturals Herbal Shampoo to wash your horse's coat. The Herbal Shampoo has a conditioner in it so it will make it easy to get tangles out of the mane and tail. It will also decrease flaking and dry skin. This can be followed with a rinse of Sol-U-Mel and Renew Bath Oil to keep the coat healthy and shiny. This is also good for cleaning gummy spots on the legs. An alternate choice would be to bathe the horse in Tough & Tender.

Koala Pals Conditioning Shampoo can be used on the face, as it is gentle and won't burn their eyes.

A mixture of Tough & Tender and Sol-U-Mel with water in a spray bottle is an excellent spray on the oily dirty dock of a tail that hasn't been washed in a while. Just spray on liberally and rub in. Wait a few minutes and then wash the tail with Naturals Herbal Shampoo. It cuts right through the dirt and you won't have to work so hard to get it clean and shiny.

Antibacterial Liquid Soap can also be used on the dock of the tail to cut through the greasy buildup and clear up any skin problems in that area. Try it on the mane as well.

Use Renew Bath Oil on their faces, legs and groin area for showing (instead of Vaseline). It will also help to repel bugs.

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