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How to Soak Away Chronic Hoof Infections!

- Safely & Effectively -

The Secret to Hoof Soaking - Soaking the hoof can be an effective way of treating chronic hoof infections such as thrush and white line disease. The problem is that these infections are deeply rooted. The bacteria and fungus have learned to adapt over millions of years by hiding among healthy tissue. The secret to defeating chronic hoof infections is to treat the pathogens without harming the surrounding hoof tissue.

Conservative Approach to Soaking - Researchers have determined that caustic agents (such as chlorine, iodine, formalin, copper sulfate) that may work well on hard surfaces, can be harmful to sensitive new hoof tissue. A company founded by doctors, **SBS Equine Products**, developed a line of products that work by preventing bacteria and fungus from reproducing without harming the surrounding tissue. This gives the healthy hoof tissue a chance to take hold and prosper. The **SBS researchers** recommend the following **Five Step Plan** for soaking a hoof successfully.

Step 1. Clear debris from voids

Use hoof pick and brush before washing the hoof to clear trapped debris from voids. This helps open up blocked passageways for treatment and oxygen.



Step 2. Wash hoof before soaking

Thoroughly wash off hard surface dirt with soapy water before each soaking session to prevent contamination of the soaking material.



Step 3. Use soaking boots

Boots made for soaking are form fitting and require much less volume of liquid than an open bucket. This means less waste. **Davis Horse Boot** is shown.



Step 4. Use commercial soaking preparations

Avoid soaking with caustic products that can cause irreversible damage. **SBS's Sav-A-Hoof Soak** treats bacteria and fungus. It prevents pathogens from reproducing, yet is gentle to hoof tissue. Use only 2 to 4 oz of the liquid to soak safely and effectively.

Step 5. Limit Soaking Time

Limit soaking contact time to 30 minutes twice a day until hoof condition improves. Stop soaking if the hoof becomes soft and mushy. For more informative articles go to www.sbsequine.com/articles.