

Abscesses

Abscesses can come out the bottom of the horses hoof or out of the coronet band. Either is normal. It is VERY rare that an abscesses may need to be opened up by a professional. If a vet does the work, ask them to make the hole as small as possible (faster healing time). But, it is much better (even though the horse is sore) to let the abscesses come out on its own. This may take a couple of weeks

Soak the hoof

Soak the horse's hoof in a soaker boot or bucket for 45 mins.

- Use an apple cider vinegar soak:*
1/2 water and 1/2 apple cider vinegar
- Soak once a day for one week then every other day until the abscess stops draining.



Wrap the hoof

- After soaking do not let the hoof get dirty
- Apply a small squirt of iodine in the abscess
- Put a piece of cotton on the bottom of the hoof (this will absorb the drainage)
- Wrap vet wrap around the hoof to hold the cotton in place.
- Put hoof in a hoof boot
- If there is no hoof boot: wrap the foot in duct tape
- Change wrap every time you soak the hoof.



Use Boots

Use boots every time the horse is ridden to prevent a small stone or any other object from hurting the horse's hoof. Do this until the hole from the abscess is gone/grows out.

