

Testimonial 2010

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I started using TuffRock Conditioner Plus when I was kindly sponsored by TuffRock earlier this year. The horse I have started campaigning last season is Golden Shelter Tai Sharn, also known as Sooty. He is a 5 year old, 15.2hh Pure Bred Arabian Gelding. As it was his first season out on the endurance trail, he had a pretty laid back one, however he still chewed through the k's, completing 444k's inclusive of both CTR and Endurance including one 80km Pre Novice ride.

When I first started feeding TuffRock Conditioner Plus to Sooty, I found noticeable changes after two weeks of use. His coat started to look very glossy along with his tail. The second thing I noticed was his mane. It used to be pretty fine and limp and did not really grow much at all however after about a month on TuffRock, his mane really started taking off and soon I was trimming it regularly.

As you can see by the photos, a picture paints a thousand words. This photo (in hand) was taken of Sooty at the National Endurance Champs at Easter. He is in very good condition here, (Sooty had been on TuffRock about 2 months at this stage) having had a couple of tough training runs before the event, he is seen in very good health, looking well covered with mane, coat and tail in impeccable condition. Sooty ended up winning the best presented horse award in the CTR event, which is judged on Mane, Tail and Coat condition.

After seeing such great results with Sooty, I decided to test TuffRock Conditioner Plus on my Stallion Merimindi Finale. As we know stallions are very active horses and a lot of the time they look pretty light in condition. After the summer Finale was looking pretty lean and I noticed his coat was not looking its usual glossy self. I had been feeding Finale sugar beet, extruded barley, lucerne chaff and vitamins and minerals to try and get some weight back on him. It wasn't really working! So I decided to run Finale on TuffRock for two weeks to see what improvement would be made with him. I was completely amazed by the results. Finale started to gain weight after 2 weeks, his ribs disappeared and he ended up getting a wee belly and of course his coat turned so glossy I could nearly see my reflection!



So, all and all the tangible benefits of this product stand true. The intangible benefits (what we don't see I have no doubt are working also). I look forward to seeing more results with Sooty next season. The more events he does, I am sure the more I will notice the benefits of this product. I would certainly recommend this product to any one wanting to prepare their horses for the show ring, no matter what the horse; it takes a lot of the preparation away. Also for trouble horses that are not gaining weight and there is no simple explanation why and lastly I think this product is ideal for any endurance horse.

If you read the list of benefits gained from this product, every single one of them relate to the endurance horse. There are just too many on the list to not take a closer look. If you put your horse on TuffRock, you will be able to cut down on quite a lot of things you feed your horse as TuffRock is a broad spectrum horse supplement. Make sure you contact TuffRock and they will give you a list of everything the product covers. I have also been using the TuffRock poultice on Sooty at events and also on other horses at home that may graze themselves in the paddock. Immediately when this product is applied to an area to be treated, there is an instant look of pain relief in the horses face.

Because the poultice is actually energized, it is working as soon as it hits the surface of the skin. It also draws out toxins, this noticeable where the poultice does not dry in certain areas when applied. Of course as well as the increased healing properties of this poultice it is definitely a good one to use both with horses in competition or as a first aid at home.

Note: Sooty has since been sold to a new owner in Dubai.