

## COCO'S STORY

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Our mare Coco had a 2 week old foal at foot and had been bred early on the morning of the 24.9.2009. That afternoon she tore open her side, the large wound exposed her abdominal cavity. Because of the width of the wound and its location, it could not be stitched. It also could not be bandaged (again because of the wound's location, it was impossible to keep it wrapped around her stomach with a 2 week old foal at foot that kept rubbing against her side as he fed). After cleaning the wound we packed it full of TuffRock Poultice and kept this treatment up, daily washing the wound and then repacking the cavity with TuffRock Poultice.

I also immediately started her twice a day on TuffRock Conditioner Plus (on the stress levels and then on maintenance levels after 2 weeks until the wound healed). Despite the extensive wound, she maintained her appetite and we were shocked when she returned a positive pregnancy test 2 weeks later (we did not think she would conceive or hold onto a pregnancy with the trauma she had been through on the day of breeding).

Her wound did not contract any infection (which could have been fatal for her) and she healed at a rapid rate. The latest photos show her miraculous recovery - only 10 weeks later the wound had completely healed in and hair had completely grown back over the wound site. Coco is a picture of health and we look forward to the birth of her foal in August 2010.



DAY 1



DAY 4



10 WEEKS LATER

**\*\* Update Coco had a coloured paint filly safe and well in August 2010!\*\***