

FAQs about TuffRock Products

Q. Does the Non-Medicated Poultice suit as a remedy for sarcoids at all?

A. We are running at 50% success with sarcoids - use the poultice and Conditioner Plus twice a day - 40ml twice a day of Conditioner Plus for first week. Completely wash off poultice during this week then 2nd week only remove after 3-4 days, week 3 remove after 4-5 days. The concept is then the poultice will "grab" the remnants. Continue week 2 at 30ml Conditioner twice a day, and week 3 back to 20ml twice daily until sarcoid is better, then maintenance dose of 20ml once a day. One should see clinical signs of improvement in 5 - 7 days if this technique is going to work.

Q. Is the Non-Medicated Poultice suitable to use on splints?

A. Splints are commonly treated using the poultice, it will be necessary to lightly massage the 2mm base coat onto the affected area for approx 20 seconds then wipe another 2mm layer over the top. In effect this means the poultice goes cold - hot - cold. Depending on degree of severity then it may be necessary to cover the poultice with some damp paper and a strip of cling wrap plastic then a light reusable bandage over the top to hold it in place. Recommend trying the poultice first without wrapping. For best results, use the poultice in conjunction with Conditioner Plus.

Q. How do I apply the Non-Medicated Poultice for mud fever on legs?

A. Coat the afflicted areas well with the poultice, wash off and reapply daily. In severe cases, you may have to detox the horse with the poultice for 3 nights (see Mel Fleming's flyer) and use following dosage for the Conditioner - week 1 - 30ml twice a day paste on tongue. Week 2 to 4 - 20ml twice a day, paste on tongue or in feed.

Q. Can Non-Medicated Poultice be used for early sidebone issues?

A. Side bone is a challenge and we run about 80% success rate. Working on calcification above the coronet band, you would need our poultice applied every day for about 3 weeks, lightly massage base coat 2mm for about 20 seconds then apply another 2 mm top coat - do this at night time is best. At the same time you need to start your horse on our Conditioner Plus product at a dose rate of 20 ml twice daily for 2 weeks, then once a day for about 6 weeks. We would be looking for early signs of clinical improvement after 2 weeks however as you know normal hoof growth will take 8 - 10 weeks. Some horses have responded really well after 4 weeks, some have taken 12 weeks.

Q. What about horses that tie up, and get colic?

A. Competing horses quite often tie up because when they get hot, they get lots of acid forming in their stomachs. Conditioner Plus has a lactic acid stabilizer for horses that tie up. For horses that have tied up give 30ml TuffRock Conditioner Plus -paste over the tongue twice daily (once at night and once in the morning). Do this for a week. After that give 20ml twice daily for two weeks, then a maintenance dose of 20ml once a day from then on. When you are going to a show, give 30ml the night before floating, and 30ml on the morning of the show. Give 30ml at night when you get home, and after that 20ml once a day as usual. You also need to de-tox your horse with the TuffRock Non-Medicated Poultice, along his long back muscles and to halfway down his saddle area and covering his bladder/kidney area. This is to draw out the lactic acid. This is best applied between midnight and midday for the best effect (see Mel Fleming's flyer). The poultice is left on for 24 hours and washed off, then re-applied. It's recommended that you do this for two nights in a row. As a note, for horses suffering from colic - give 50ml Conditioner Plus pasted onto the tongue, and they should come right in 15 minutes. The Conditioner Plus also has an acetic acid stabilizer in it.

Q. I have a horse with a major sole abscess and wondered if using your products would be a suitable treatment?

A. Yes, our products would be suitable - we recommend your horse goes on 20ml Conditioner Plus twice daily which is the recovery dosage. When we work with hoof abscesses, then it's important to remember that once you have packed the poultice into the hoof, shape it level with the shoe or hoof wall, and wrap around it with an old chaff bag or bandage and/or boot the foot to keep the poultice in place. MOST IMPORTANT to wash out all the poultice thoroughly every 12 hours to make sure you do not compound the infection. It should only take 3 or 4 days with the poultice, however, continue using Conditioner Plus twice daily for 3 weeks. You may have to look at keeping your horse on the Conditioner once a day after that, to allow the collagen effect to help regrow healthy hoof. We would also recommend an external detox with the poultice for a couple of nights to fast track recovery by helping to remove the toxins from the system. (see Mel Fleming's flyer).

Q. What is the best storage for the TuffRock products?

A. The best storage conditions for Conditioner Plus is out of light and a temperature between 15-24C degrees. Freezing, hot weather, sunlight and lid not tightly on would all affect the mixture. Also, if the product is not 'shaken vigorously before use', then you will be using more of the liquid portion and end up with sludge which will slowly harden. As the particles are fine and blended into an aqueous suspension, it is not successful adding water to the hardened remains. Note: Shaking this product vigorously also gives the minerals extra energy. This also works for the Poultice when it is being stirred up with a few teaspoons of water.

Q. Can you tell me whether the TuffRock Poultice will help alleviate the symptoms of arthritis? My horse has arthritic changes in his fore fetlock joints. Most of the time, he presents with windgalls and general puffiness mainly on either side of the joint. He is now on 5ml bute every second day. If your product can support him, how often would I apply the poultice and in what quantity?

A. The poultice will provide relief and help alleviate/hopefully start reverse the symptoms of arthritis. Poultice two legs (front or back) at a time to help balance the frog pressure and provide support to the non-affected leg. My concern is over time the extra pressure on the good leg may lead to similar symptoms and worsening of your horse's condition. You will need to poultice every day for 1 week from coronet to just below the knee, then every 2nd day during the following week, then every 3rd day the week after that, then only after hard work. I would expect to see the start of reversal if you are prepared to add TuffRock Conditioner Plus liquid to his diet. This will replace bute after 4 days and help repair the collagen necessary to alleviate these symptoms. Recommend 20 ml twice a day for these initial 3 weeks then hopefully you should be able to maintain him on 20 ml once a day.