

Weapons of Thrush Destruction

Nothing helps to prevent thrush better than regular hoof care along with careful management between farrier visits. However, the reality is, every farrier is going to run across cases of thrush, ranging from mild to severe. This yearling developed some mild thrush when its trimming schedule was neglected and the heels grew and created an opportunity for debris and bacteria to be trapped in the sulci of the frog. A good trim job, along with a good clean-up of the frog area with a Bloom Forge Loop Knife and treatment with SBS Thrush Stop Blue has this youngster back in good condition. The Thrush Stop Blue formulation is especially significant as it is gel-like and does not run. It stays right where you apply it and its formula (containing no formalin) will be effective in killing bacterial infections.



The weapons: Bloom Forge Loop Knife and SBS Thrush Stop Blue



Notice how controlled and targeted the application of Thrush Stop Blue is. No mess with this product.

Check out this article by Dr. Steve O'Grady for invaluable information on thrush »
<http://www.equipodiatry.com/HowDoITreatThrush.html>

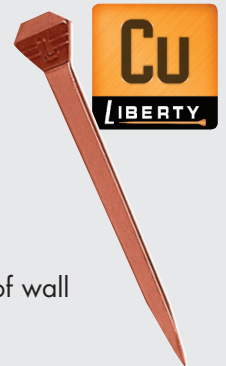


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SHOE MODIFICATIONS

There are a lot of basic modifications that only take minutes to put into a shoe and can do a lot to provide support or make your horses more comfortable. Mike Wildenstein, CJF FWCF (hons) has used a lot of these modifications in clinics and in his practice through the years. Using a Kerckhaert Standard Extra, a shoe with plenty of material for modifications, we got these shots of one of his favorite combinations.



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View at foot before modifications- note the condition of the frog, still to be dealt with.



Using a Bloom steel handled creaser, Mike widens the lateral heel.



His second step was to forge the inside web of the lateral heel to be sure he had good foot coverage.



He then narrowed the medial branch on the Baldor to allow it to sink into the ground easier.



Wider lateral & narrower medial modifications set to go.



Final modification was to bevel the toe and the shoe is ready to go on. Note the bevel is greater at the point of breakover, not always the center of the toe. Frog will be cleaned up and get an application of SBS Thrus Stop Blue.



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