

Stomping is a Learned and Obsessive Equine Behavior

Silver Whinnys® can stop the obsessive stomping that destroy hooves and shoe sets by stopping flies from biting the skin. Early in the season as flies arrive; horses begin to stomp to rid themselves of insects on their legs. If fly protection does not start early, stomping becomes a habit that is hard to break. The percussion of stomping not only breaks and splits the hooves, but also drives shoe nails up through the wall of the hoof.



To avoid this obsessive behavior offer fly protection as soon as flies arrive. If you are late in the season and your horse is already stomping, any fly protection is challenged to stay up and on the legs. Fly boots made of hard materials can cause abrasions on the skin when they are bounced around on the leg from the stomping. It can take a horse a week, maybe more to realize that the flies are no longer biting its legs and during this time, extra support might be needed to help the socks stay in place. We aren't too proud to say that our socks can be challenged by the behavior of an obsessively stomping horse. What equine leg protection isn't?

The difference is that Silver Whinnys® are safe and will help your horse kick the habit while providing a full level of protection from the diseases that biting flies carry from animal to animal.



If you are trying to stop the stomping or trying to get your horse through the challenges presented by [the stages of healing](#), Silver Whinnys are the best bandages/barriers to protect your horse from biting insects and we want them to last for a long time to come. There are ways to keep them up and in place on the legs until the discomfort of dermatitis or obsessive stomping are overcome.

Recommended reading in [Sock Support](#)

“Keeping Silver Whinnys® in Place and Protected/article #09”

“Method 1: Individual Single Wraps of Taping/article #10”

“Method 2: Spiral Pattern Taping/article #11”

“Fly Protection That Can Last/ article #23”

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