

When It Comes To Fly Protection, Don't Wing It

Silver Whinnys® are safe on an equine owner's wallet. The cost of a set of 4 socks cost less than one visit by your veterinarian to treat dermatitis brought on by fly allergies. Hoof trims and shoe sets last longer. Protection by Silver Whinnys is worth many “pounds” of cure. They are fly protection that go far beyond anything a mesh fly wrap can offer.



It's a gnarly list of possibilities, not including other farms, animals and manure it visited before landing at your address. Flies rarely travel far from where they were hatched, but can be lured by attractive odors and piggyback long distances on air currents in a quest for food and places to reproduce. While the philosophical question, “How many angels fit on the head of pin?” remains unanswered, these less-ethereal winged visitors gain entry into buildings through openings not much larger.

Flies transmit disease primarily because they feed on waste, decaying matter, and feces whose bacteria then sticks to its mouth, footpads and hair like tendrils. Compound this with the fact that flies defecate roughly every four to five minutes and -- because they have no teeth -- take nourishment in liquid form, spewing vomitus or spittle laden with bacteria on solid food and letting it dissolve before eating, and the result is a perfect delivery system for infection.

It's enough to never let you look at flies the same way again, and more importantly, you don't want to look at them spitting and worse on your horse's legs. Is it any wonder why equine legs begin to look ravaged before summer has barely begun?

So in an effort to protect them, most opt for spraying gallons of insecticide or essential oil-based products on the animals we love in an effort to rid them of the ones we loathe. Unfortunately, flies elude the spray, our horses soak up chemicals they don't deserve, and a lot of money is spent on too many products wasted in pursuit of temporary, topical solutions.



American fiber science has led to a sock that controls moisture drawing moisture from the skin while simultaneously creating a cool environment around the leg. The silver in the yarn never washes out. Silver Whinnys are cool, breathable protection that offers a clean environment around the leg.

Silver inhibits the growth of bacteria, fungi, and mold in the socks. For those needing to keep the flies and dirt off open sores a hygienic environment around the leg is important. The safe resting level of compression helps them stay in place on the legs and because the compression is light, they cannot hurt a horse even if your horse manages to push them all the way down.

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