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## Supplies needed for abscess care



Hot water



Epsom salt



Bucket to soak foot in



Towels to dry the foot



Poultice/ Magnapaste



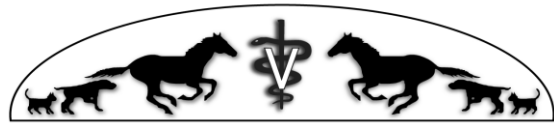
Diaper



Vetwrap



Duct Tape



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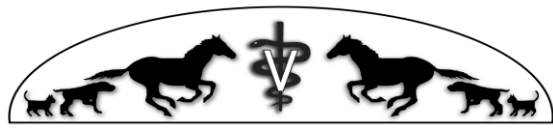
## How to Care for a Hoof Abscess

### To Soak:

1. Fill a bucket or feed pan with luke warm water – fill enough to cover the coronary band.
2. Pour Epsom salt into bucket - add until the salt doesn't dissolve anymore (saturated solution).
3. Soak affected foot for 15 to 20 minutes (or as long as your horse will tolerate) one to two times daily.
4. Continue soaking for 3 days after resolution of signs to encourage drainage.

### To Bandage:

1. Towel dry foot after soaking.
2. Wearing a glove, apply Magna Paste to the entire hoof (coronary band, hoof wall and bottom of hoof).
3. Wrap with a diaper making sure it goes over the coronary band. (we generally like to use size 2 for the average sized horse hoof).
4. Wrap over the diaper with vet wrap making sure not to make contact with the hair line.
5. Apply duct tape to the entire hoof to keep bandage on well.
6. Wrap around the top of the diaper with elastikon to keep bandage in place.



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