

The Horse in Pain

When horses have been enduring bandaging and wound cleaning, while suffering inflammation and infection, they can begin to react by becoming unwilling to be handled. Try not to create more pain than the animal is already experiencing.

A horse suffering from a long history of dermatitis or a wound is a risk to your safety if it is in pain. Hopefully, your horse will still allow you to handle its legs safely. If the horse is striking out at you, the whole outcome of the healing is compromised, and so is your safety.

This is good time to back off and rekindle the trust relationship with your horse by simplifying the nursing. You still have to continue nursing the wound or dermatitis. Read the article on "[THE STAGES OF HEALING.](#)" Less is more. It really is! You don't want to get your horse to the point of striking out at you because of the pain and over handling.

[Contact us](#) if your horse has reached the point of intolerance to treatment. We may be able to help with other bandaging options. We can't say this enough: Your veterinarian is important in achieving a positive healing outcome for your horse. Call your vet to handle any issues of pain or itching. Keep your veterinarian involved!

For related articles go to [Sock Support](#) and read:

"Bandaging Options for the Horse In Pain."

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