

## Why NOT to Remove Scabs!

Please don't pick scabs! Don't scrub them off. It is not necessary when bandaging with Silver Whinnys®. Removing scabs is terribly painful for your horse and opens unhealed tissue to the threat of infection and inflammation again.

Scabs are the body's way of creating a barrier between unhealed tissue and the dirt and bacteria of the outside environment. As a sore/wound heals, the body recognizes less need for the scab and the scab drops off. When you change the Silver Whinnys daily, following the instructions/protocols, scabs that are ready to come off will do so as you remove the socks. Allow the body to decide when the wound is ready to release the scabs unless otherwise advised by your veterinarian.

Your veterinarian is the one who should remove heavy scabbing as he or she determines the need. Vets use surgical gloves and perform these procedures as hygienically as possible. They are there to apply internal and external antibiotics. They bandage the raw tissue again. Once the veterinarian has scrubbed the leg, put clean Silver Whinnys® on the leg and replace them with clean socks daily.

See the: [Study "Sophie"](#). This is exactly what Sophie's owner did. Her veterinarian cleaned off the heavy scabbing at the clinic and then followed with using the Silver Whinnys as the bandage.

See ["The Stages of Healing"](#)

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