Instructions for Applying the Dalric B0, B1 and B2 Cuffs

State of the Art Treatment for Club Feet in Young Foals

FOOT PREPARATION

- 1. Trim and balance the foot.
- 2. Round the hoof ground surface to accommodate the seating of the foot into the cuff.
- 3. Roughen the wall slightly with the smooth side of the rasp to provide an adequate glue contact surface.
- 4. Thoroughly clean the dirt from all the hoof cracks and cover potential abscesses with a small piece of tape or Keratex Putty to prevent sealing any bacteria under the glue.
- 5. Fit the shoe to the foot.
- 6. When the foot has a steeper angle than the shoe, simply slice the front of the shoe at the seam to accommodate a proper fit.
- 7. Attach the wedge and drill 4 holes from the bottom of the wedge through the cuff. Insert the 8/32" bolts into the cuff and make sure to countersink to avoid rubbing the sole of the foot. Tighten the nuts on the bottom to secure.

SHOE APPLICATION

If your foal is fractious, have your veterinarian administer a sedative.

- 1. Clean the hoof wall with acetone.
- 2. Using a heat gun, heat the shoe and glue tube in a box until it is warm and pliable. This will ensure good hoof contact and provide a shorter cure time.
- 3. Be careful not to overheat the glue and do not heat the mixing tip.
- 4. Wearing gloves, open the tube nozzle with nippers and dispense a couple drops of each material. Place the mixing tip onto the tube and twist about a half a turn clockwise.
- 5. Gently push the plunger and apply a wide band of glue onto the felt side of the cuff.
- 6. Quickly apply the shoe snugly to the cleaned foot and hold in place for 2-3 minutes.
- 7. Secure the shoe firmly with tape, going over the bulbs of the heel. Do not tape over the coronary band.
- 8. The foal must stand quietly for 15-20 minutes or until the glue is firm. This is a vital step. Do not be in a hurry.
- 9. One hour of stall confinement is necessary for maximum cure strength. Remember to remove the tape in one (1) hour.
- 10. This shoe may be used without the permanent wedge if you are using it for the protection of broken toes. Use the wedge for application only and remove in 30 minutes.

SHOE REMOVAL

• Use nippers or a rasp to separate the entire cuff from the horn wall and then pull the shoe.

RECOMMENDED SHOEING SCHEDULE

• For the best results, follow this shoeing schedule as the foal's feet continue to grow. Exceeding the recommended shoeing time can alter natural foot development.

SORENESS AFTER APPLICATION

- Fitting the shoe too tightly will pinch the quarters causing slight soreness. If this occurs, pull the shoe and reapply after the foal is sound.
- Sealing bacteria in broken areas along the white line will cause acute lameness. If this occurs, pull the shoe immediately and notify your veterinarian. The abscess will need to be opened and appropriate therapy must be administered.
- Be careful when working with club feet. The toes are often worn very thin, which produces a fragile white line.

Age Maximum Time for Shoes To Be Worn Days Following Shoe Removal To Re-evaluate

| Birth – 2 Weeks | 4 Days | 7 Days |
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| 2 - 4 Weeks | 7 - 10 Days | 7 - 10 Days |
| 4 - 8 Weeks | 10 – 14 Days | 7 - 10 Days |
| 8 - 12 Weeks | 14 Days | 7 - 10 Days |
| 3 Months | 21 Days | 7 - 10 Days |

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