



SUMMER WHINNYS INFORMATION SHEET

Summer Whinnys Silver are built to stay in place for many hours in a day, but we always recommend that, as with any horse wear, they are inspected and adjusted as needed, twice a day. If you don't see your horse twice a day or don't have anyone who can inspect and adjust the socks, the socks will not work for your horse.

There can be a number of reasons why the socks can fall but even if they do fall completely down around the pastern, they've been built so that they will not cause constriction of blood flow or abrasions on the skin, but this is why you check the socks twice a day! Our first design priority with all of our socks is safety to the animals.

Never put on more than two socks at first. Give your horse a day or two to get use to them before adding the other two socks. Summer Whinnys feel different than wraps or bandages. They move with the leg and this is a new thing for a horse. Don't overwhelm your horse with them all at once. Put on two socks. Leave them for a couple of days and if your horse is good on that, then add the other two.

Early in the spring is the best time to begin protecting your horse's legs, long before they can begin to stomp obsessively because of the flies. Once they begin to stomp, it can become a habit and it takes awhile to break this habit even when the socks are added. It can take up to week for a horse to realize they no longer need to stomp to remove the flies from their legs. Stomping will drive the socks down. Be prepared for the first few days to a week to adjust the socks as often as needed. This too shall pass.

You can't do anything about horses having their own rodeos in the pasture. Nothing will stay up when a running and bucking session is prolonged. Adjust them again once your horse has settled down again.

If you are using the socks as wound/sore protection, let us know so that we can send you instructions on how to use Summer Whinnys to help you get those conditions healed up. Scratches, Mud Fever, and Summer Sores can itch and are painful. A horse with these conditions is already rubbing and chewing on its legs to relieve the pain and itching. Until you get through the first week or so, do what ever it takes to keep the socks in place over the sores/wounds, only do it safely, exercising proper knowledge of the correct way to tape or add additional wrappings to support the socks. Once the sores/wounds are healing, the pain and the itching will subside and the socks will stay in place better because the horse is no longer rubbing or chewing on them.

The only speed a young horse knows is GO! Adjust as needed, and don't give up. We keep them on our young donkey. We adjust the socks twice a day. He is a firecracker. He thinks he's a Thoroughbred. So, we adjust the socks twice a day.

If you stick with the socks, get your horse used to them; adjust them, as often as needed in the first week, you will love the Summer Whinnys Silver. Give your horse a chance.

The "foot" of the socks is the most fragile part of the sock. It is the part of the sock with the colored finishing thread. We can't do anything about it being more fragile than the rest of the sock. It is a single layer of knit, and has to be in order for it to expand over the hoof and lay at ground level to protect the back of the pastern. It is going to get walked on most likely, eventually. It is going to get holes. The holes can be darned, or you will also see that over time, without touching them, the holes don't unravel. The finishing helps to prevent the socks from unraveling because of holes in the foot. The entire "foot" could be cut off and the sock would still not unravel.

We thought about this part of the design because we knew the horses would walk on it but we voted to keep it on the socks because we get incredible results when issues healing are protected by this part of the sock.

Designs made by other companies for fly protection or leg protection don't venture into protecting the lower pastern or top of the hoof. They know they would get the same emails or phone calls. No company wants their customer service department dealing holes that are going to happen. We know why no one designed like this before. Though we get these calls or emails, we firmly believe that our socks would never be able to perform as they do without the "foot". If we removed it, we wouldn't get the calls and emails, but then we wouldn't have been able to help so many horses heal. Our decision is to keep the "foot" on the socks and make this explanation as often as needed. It's worth it.

It is the pastern and top of the hoof, the back of the pastern are areas that have the most issues with Scratches, dew poisoning, mud fever, and other incarnations of Equine Pastern Dermatitis and we have successfully proven that we can help equine owners tackle these problems using nothing.