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Hoof Disease in Horses



What is Hoof Disease?

There is an old saying, “no hoof, no horse” which harshly sums up a very true fact. The hoof is one area of the horse **that really needs to be kept in top health** with a balanced diet, daily [hoof care](#) and regular visits to a reputable farrier.

Because of the sensitive nature of the hoof's anatomy and the daily wear and tear it has to endure, it becomes very **susceptible to a number of conditions**. Once a [hoof problem](#) sets in; it can be incredibly painful and debilitating for you horse, not to mention very difficult to heal.

Hoof disease is an umbrella term used to describe a variety of conditions affecting the hoof, which may include some of the following:

- *Brittle Hoof* is characterized by abnormally [dry hooves](#), which are more prone to cracking and splitting. When splitting occurs, it happens in the direction corn fibers and may run dangerously close to sensitive structures. If not seen too, brittle hoof may result in lameness.
- *Spongy Hoof* is quite the opposite to brittle hoof and occurs when the hoof becomes too moist or soft. This can be just as dangerous as a dry hoof as a [moist hoof](#) can be damaged very easily and it also makes the hoof more prone to bacterial and fungal infections.
- *Hoof Canker* is an infectious condition caused by bacteria or fungi that generally affects the frog and adjacent areas of the hoof. Hoof canker results in the growth of soft, moist horn tissue which is cauliflower-like in appearance.
- *Thrush* usually settles in the frog of the hoof, and is most commonly caused by exposure to wet or unhygienic conditions. This condition is characterized by a black and gooey substance and a very foul smelling odor.
- *Laminitis* or founder is a particularly painful [hoof disease](#) that causes inflammation of the foot. This occurs when blood flow is disrupted to certain sensitive areas within the hoof and in serious cases the bone and hoof wall can actually separate. Symptoms vary but the most noticeable are difficulty or hesitation walking, tendency to lie down and trembling. Common causes of this condition include overeating, foot injury, colic or prolonged use of certain steroid medications.
- *Navicular disease* is known as an inflammation or degeneration of the navicular bone (the small bone inside the foot and the tendon which passes over it). This is a serious condition that can lead to debilitating lameness. Common causes include genetics, poor conformation, improper nutrition and the continual impact of the toe on hard surfaces. Signs of Navicular disease include progressive lameness, a tiptoe gait, and in severe cases, the affected foot may even change shape.
- *White Line* is a condition described as separation of the hoof wall at the

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white line in the toe area. The inside of the hoof starts disintegrating and becomes crumbly even though the outside appears to be healthy – this crumbly dry state of the hoof is referred to as seedy toe. Common causes include poor foot care, excessive wetness or dryness of the hoof, and laminitis.

What Causes Hoof Disease?

Horse hoof disease is caused by a number of factors and in many cases it occurs in healthy, well cared for horses, without explanation. **Some hoof diseases are contagious**, while others are caused by certain environmental factors such as excessive wetness, or dryness. In other cases, hoof disease is the result of poor nutrition, poor hygiene and poor hoof care.

Diagnosing Hoof Disease

Your horse's vet will need a detailed description of the presenting symptoms as well as a thorough history of your horse. After this, **depending on the symptoms and suspected condition**, a number of diagnostic tests may be necessary before an accurate diagnosis can be made. Test your veterinarian may run include, hoof tests, nerve blocks, x-rays, stress tests, and bone scans.

Help for Hoof Disease

Treatment of equine hoof disease will depend on the underlying condition and cause. Good stall management, optimal nutrition and rest are also essential aspects of any treatment plan.

Natural Remedies

There are a number of herbal ingredients that can greatly help with the **treatment and prevention of a number of diseases of the hoof**. Wintergreen Oil contains beneficial soothing properties and Linseed oil works as an effective skin salve. The herb Horsetail works effectively to help treat wounds and has become renowned for its effective antibacterial and antioxidant properties.

Another beneficial herbal ingredient for treating hoof diseases is Comfrey which has traditionally been used both topically, **for inflammation, pain and wound healing**. White Willow is also an excellent herb often used to treat pain. Lastly, the herbs Marigold and Lavender also come recommended as they work to treat skin infections, sunburn, and skin wounds, while encouraging healthy skin and relieving skin discomfort.

Tips for preventing hoof disease

In many cases, horse hoof disease can be prevented with the right nutrition, proper hoof care and necessary stall management. There are a number of things you can do to prevent hoof disease and promote swift recovery.



Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist



All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

- Make sure your horse is fed an all natural diet free from preservatives, additives and colorants.
- Learn the ways in which your horse communicates that something isn't feeling right. By becoming in tuned with your horse's behavior you will notice subtle changes in mood, stride, or eating habits, all of which can be clues that your horse is not well.
- Keep educated and aware of possible hoof problems so that you can pick up on any problems and symptoms early on.
- Exercise your horse regularly to ensure overall fitness and health, and also to prevent dry hoof.
- Visit a reputable farrier. This is an essential aspect of hoof care as he will be able to recommend the proper shoes depending on where he was stabled and he is ridden and will inspect your horse's hooves and check for any concerns.
- Get your horse's hooves trimmed every six weeks by a skilled farrier and be sure to pick the hooves out daily using a hoof pick.
- When inspecting your horse's hooves, place your back to the horse's hooves so that you can get the best possible view of the hoof.
- Keep all areas where your horse stands on dry and clean. Avoid wet footing as it can cause thrush and soft hoofs.
- Make sure the horse's feet are fitted properly with shoes and pads.
- Incorporate a biotin supplement to your horse's diet to promote the growth and development of healthy hooves.
- Keep pastures and paddocks free of manure build up and mud. If mud and excess water are a problem then you may want to improve drainage.

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today.

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Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

"When a veterinary surgeon practices the use of homeopathic medicine and is asked why he does so, he may give one of several answers. The simple answer would be that the results are good, an emphatic answer would be that homeopathic treatment has no unpleasant or dangerous side effects, while still achieving successful results.

The [PetAlive Homeopathic range](#) has been formulated with this knowledge and is specifically designed to treat your pet in a holistic and natural manner."

Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

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With the increasing popularity of aromatherapy, reflexology, color & crystal therapy and a return to a more holistic lifestyle, people have begun searching for ways to earn more money; expand their skills; improve the health of themselves, friends & family; and increase their knowledge of alternative medicine.

The **Alternative Healing Academy** has developed several new courses in the holistic health care field for those who would like the opportunity to learn a healing modality at their own pace and in their own homes.

A Doctor of Reflexology with The Alternative Healing Academy is teaching classes with curriculum very similar to the Reflexology Practitioner Course and the Basic Aromatherapy at her local community college.

Our holistic health courses were developed by professionals in the Holistic Health Care field trained in the following modalities: Aromatherapy, Advanced/Master Aromatherapy, Reiki, Tuning Fork Therapy, Color and Crystal Therapy, Homeopathy, Herbalism, and Advanced Reflexology.

Furthermore, since we at the Alternative Healing Academy also realize that not everyone wants to make alternative medicine a career choice, we also offer **basic courses** as well as several [Mini Courses](#) which will teach you the skills you need to help improve the health and quality of life for yourself, your family and your friends.

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All graduates of an Alternative Healing Academy home study course will receive a 20% discount off [AHHA Practitioner Membership](#) if they meet qualifying criteria and join within six months of their graduation date.

About Our Courses

Would you like to learn accurate, detailed aromatherapy, reflexology and/or color & crystal therapy information at your own pace in the comfort of your home? Would you like to become certified in Reflexology, Aromatherapy or Color and Crystal Therapy? An Alternative Healing Academy Distance Learning Course could be what you're looking for...

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Common Questions Asked About Holistic Health Distance Learning Courses:

What is Certification?



Most schools will offer an exam that tests the student's knowledge of the material taught in the respective course. Upon successful completion of this exam, a Certificate or Diploma will be issued by the school attesting that the student has successfully met the requirements as specified by that school. The only governmental recognition of Aromatherapy in North America is the occupational title designation granted to the BCAA under the Societies Act of British Columbia.

What is a Certified Aromatherapist or Reflexologist?

Most prospective students want to know whether taking our courses will lead to their becoming 'Certified' in that healing modality, thereby leading to the title of Certified Aromatherapist, Certified Reflexologist or Certified Color/Crystal Therapist. The answer to this really depends on what you mean by 'Certified.' We believe it can be misleading to purport that completing a course in a healing modality such as reflexology, aromatherapy or color/crystal therapy will lead to a designation of 'Certified' Therapist. These are not official

title designations nor are they ones which are recognized by any country's governmental body. All that these titles mean is that this is what an Individual Instructor, School or Institution decided to put on the Diploma it awards those who successfully complete their course.

What is an accredited course in Aromatherapy or Reflexology?

The answer to this will depend on who you are asking. At the present time, British Columbia is the only government to recognize Aromatherapy as a distinct profession and has granted Occupational Title Protection to the members of the BCAA (British Columbia Alliance of Aromatherapy) with the exclusive right for its members to call themselves Registered Aromatherapists (R.A.).

At this time, neither Reflexology nor Color/Crystal Therapy have such occupational designations in any country although one prominent Reflexology school in Colorado, The Modern Institute of Reflexology, has gained occupational designation for their institution in that state. MIR has been designated by the Colorado State Division of Private Occupational Schools - Dept. of Higher Education as an approved school. Our Reflexologist who developed the reflexology modules for our courses was trained at MIR as a Certified Reflexologist, a Master Reflexologist and a Dr. of Reflexology.

In the United States, the NAHA (National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy) has put into place their Approved Standards for Aromatherapy Training. The Alternative Healing Academy's Advanced Aromatherapy course meets and exceeds these standards and we are in the application process of becoming an approved program through the NAHA.

In Canada, there are a number of different Associations including the BCAPA (British Columbia Association of Practicing Aromatherapists) and the CFA (Canadian Federation of Aromatherapists). Time will tell if one authoritative body or association becomes the standard by which to judge and govern the educational offerings of these alternative healing modalities.

It has to be noted that NO form of aromatherapy "certification" is currently recognized in the USA by anyone other than those in the trade, nor is aromatherapy (or essential oils in the aromatherapy trade) regulated by any governmental body.

Some information about the courses we offer:

1) You can receive the course in one of two ways: A cd with the modules and tests in PDF format can be shipped to you; or, The modules can be emailed to you three at a time. Each time you complete the tests for the current three modules, a new set of three modules will be emailed to you.

2) All modules are clearly explained, are in pdf format and fully

illustrated.

3) The Advanced Aromatherapy Practitioner and the Advanced Reflexology Practitioner courses are designed to meet the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy (NAHA) guidelines.

4) A tutor will be available via email to answer any questions you may have.

You will be contacted after purchase to find out how you would like your course delivered. All tests for the course can be either emailed or snail-mailed to The Alternative Healing Academy.

Upon successful completion of any full diploma or certification course (with a score of 80% or higher), you will receive a beautiful Diploma, suitable for framing.



Course Testimonials

"I'm done! Going through the final and the case studies and having such amazing experiences and opportunities to help people, I truly feel blessed and honored to have had the intense education that came with this course. I discovered in me a new ability to serve others, not only through education but through the power of healing that comes with the use of essential oils. I am continuing to train personally with Alexandria Brighton and have begun work toward opening an aromatherapy practice. Thank you so much for your patience and knowledge. Most of all thank you for this new way of living and enjoying Life."

-A. Lindquist - Advanced Aromatherapy Practitioner

"I am finding the course great. It is written very well so even people like me can understand the human body a whole lot better. I just hope that I can remember it all. I don't think I have a chance of remembering the names of everything in the muscular system or the movement system. But, I do have more of an understanding of how everything works now. I find it just amazing. Thanks Heaps."

-M. Oliver - Basic Anatomy & Physiology

"This information is great that you are teaching. I would really like to talk my oldest daughter into taking your course. It really goes into detail which is very informative."

-Debbie F. - Basic Reflexology

"Seven years ago I started to see a reflexologist for migraines and sinus problems. I was amazed that I finally found relief without medication. I decided this year to search out a course in reflexology so I could help family and friends and show them the benefits of reflexology. I researched various courses on the internet and decided to go with the basic course through the Alternative Healing Academy. I was impressed with course material and the ease of receiving the course material."

"I was given an choice of having a CD sent to me or to receiving and sending back the assignments through email. I choose email. I received 3 lessons at a time that I could read and study on my own time frame and return the lessons when I was done. Everything was sent in a very timely manner and communication was open and quick. If I needed help, I knew it was only a click away and the response time was very quick. The techniques used also came in a video mode in the email that I could replay as much as I needed to."

"I felt I learned a lot and am able to help myself and others. Being able to log 20 hours of treatment time and writing the case histories for the final exam was extremely rewarding and helpful. I would recommend this course to others interested in reflexology because the course material was very informative and complete and written in easy to understand language."

-Jean Russell - Basic Reflexology Course

"I'm so excited about (the Advanced Aromatherapy course) and I'm particularly excited about the possibility of making custom blends for people! I hadn't anticipated having that opportunity when I took the course so I'm excited to have everything done! I'm very excited to have finished. I really enjoyed this course and really appreciate all the work you've put into it! This has been a fabulous jumping off point for me and I'm so glad I took it."

"p.s. I know the boys are much slower at the Reflexology, but my son is loving the classes."

-Megan P. - Advanced Aromatherapy Course

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