



Natural Help 4...

Skin Diseases in Horses



What are Horse Skin Diseases?

Horses are often **susceptible to skin problems and diseases**. The skin in horses, other animals and humans is the largest organ of the body and serves as a protective covering for the muscles and organs. It acts as a sensory organ for temperature, touch, pressure, and pain.

Maintaining your horse's skin is very important **to prevent to skin diseases, infection and break outs**. This can be done by feeding him high quality feeds, regular grooming and being aware of skin and coat changes.

There are various equine skin problems and these include:

- Dermatitis
- Ringworm
- Rain rot
- Mange
- Queensland itch
- Skin bumps (urticaria)
- Rain scald
- Girth itches
- Greasy heel
- Cracked heels
- Warts
- Dandruff
- Gear, girth or saddle galls
- Lice infestation
- Onchocerciasis
- Sunburn

What Causes Horse Skin Diseases?

Horse skin problems often occur as a **result of allergic reactions to certain ingredients in the diet**, some drugs and vaccines as well as insect bites caused by flies, fleas, mites, mosquitoes, bees, or wasps. If the horse ingests toxic substances such as chemicals, fertilizer and pesticides, and certain plants, it can also cause skin disease.

Fungal, bacterial, viral and parasitic infections and burns, frostbite and photosensitization can also have a negative effect on the horse's skin. Sometimes, an underlying condition such as hormonal disorders (hyperadrenocorticism), congenital and **hereditary disorders, tumors may also contribute to the development of a horses skin problem**. If left untreated, skin problems can become quite serious and spread to other areas of the body.



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Diagnosing Horse Skin Diseases

The diagnosis of a [skin disorder](#) is based on the symptoms, a complete physical examination and a review of the horse's medical history. Diagnostic **tests such as skin samples, scrapings of the affected area** or a skin biopsy may be taken to be evaluated under microscope to confirm a positive diagnosis.

The common symptoms and signs of skin diseases include:

- Itching (pruritis)
- Lumps and bumps
- Swelling and inflammation
- Lesions and pustules
- Ulcerations
- Scaly, crusty and dry skin
- Hair loss
- Poor skin and coat appearance

Help for Horse Skin Diseases

Treatment usually **depends on the cause of the skin disease**. For allergic reactions, your vet will prescribe anti-inflammatories and monitor the horse's progress carefully. Medications such antibiotics, anti-fungal drugs, topical ointments, warm applications, massage, antiseptic solutions, and medicated soaps may also be prescribed.

In addition, flea, **mite and lice repellents in the form of sprays**, rubs and dips as well as a good de-worming and vaccination program for the horse may also be recommended . A healthy diet and effective grooming is essential in maintaining the [horse's skin](#).

Natural Remedies

Natural remedies have proven to be a **highly effective alternative to treating skin diseases** in both humans and animals. Homeopathic remedies are safe and gentle to use without the unwanted side effects of conventional medications.

Carefully selected ingredients such as Borage, Horsetail (*Equisetum arvense* L.), Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L.) and Kelp support [skin health](#) and **provides symptomatic relief for itchiness, scratching, redness and burning** of the skin. In addition, Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), Nettle (*Urtica dioica*), Echinacea (*Echinacea angustifolia*) and Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*) strengthens the immune system as well as overall health.

Tips to prevent skin diseases in horses



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.

There are number of things that horse owners can do to maintain and support [healthy skin](#) in their horses and these include:

- Feed your horse high quality hay and grains
- Add omega 3 fatty acid supplements or vegetable oil to your horse's diet to promote a shinier coat
- Provide fresh, clean water
- Groom your horse by brushing him daily
- Keep your horse's tail protected by using a tail bag – wash, detangle and braid it once a week
- Avoid bathing your horse often as its coat will lose its shine and luster
- Limit exposure to allergens such as certain food ingredients and insect bites
- Keep horses dry if they are diagnosed with rain rot
- Provide extra shade for horses with pink skin and use sunscreen on pink noses
- Rinse a sweaty horse off first before allowing him into the sun – sweating fades the horse's coat
- Use flea and tick repellents to protect horses from fleas, ticks and mites
- De-worm your horse regularly to protect against parasites
- Make vaccinations are regularly updated to prevent infection and disease

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. 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

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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

Related Natural Remedies:

[Equine Immunity Booster](#): Promotes a healthy, strong immune system in horses

Equine Immunity Booster blend contains a combination of specially selected herbs known for their ability to **support immune functioning and promote vitality**.

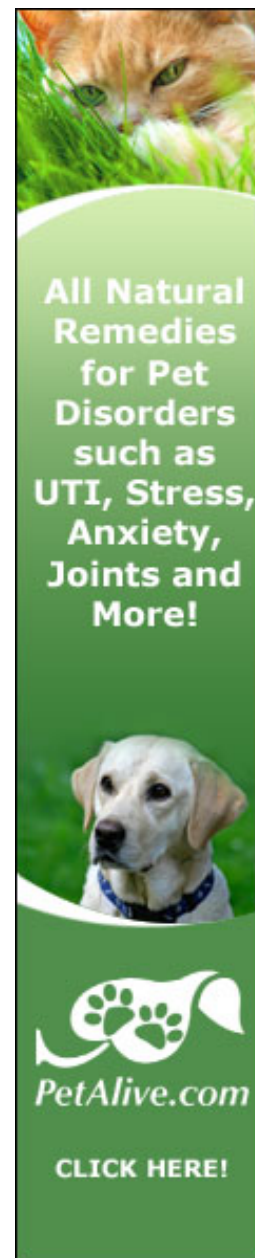
There is a great deal of evidence to suggest that the use of **carefully chosen herbal ingredients** can play a big role in **improving immune functioning**. Along with the correct lifestyle choices, our herbal remedies can make all the difference to your horse's health.

Equine Immunity Booster is a loose herbal blend and can be added to horse feed daily – quick and easy with no fuss.


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herbs known for their ability to **support the health of the equine coat and mane** from the inside out.

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Used as a general supplement, EQuine Shiny Coat Supplement is a loose herbal blend and can be added to horse feed daily – quick and easy with no fuss, whether your horse is competing in a show or not!

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1) All PetAlive products are manufactured according to the highest pharmaceutical standards - using only the best quality raw ingredients from nature's medicine chest.

2) PetAlive and our suppliers are registered with the FDA as accredited suppliers and manufacturers of health supplements. Our products are sold all over the world and are manufactured to strict international standards in a GMP accredited manufacturing plant.

3) All our remedies are manufactured in an FDA registered pharmaceutical facility under close supervision.

This includes formulation, acquiring and testing of raw ingredients as well as final manufacturing. This gives us the confidence to say that when you are buying a PetAlive product, you are buying the safest and the best! We know what goes into our remedies - which is why we know what you will get out of them!

4) Manufacturing is done strictly according to the principles of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) and all raw ingredients undergo stringent testing before being approved by our registered manufacturing pharmacists.

5) We offer a free email [Ask Our Experts](#) service run by trained consultants ready to advise you on the best choice for your pet's health.

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