

DETECTING & TREATING CAUDAL HEEL SYNDROME



A horse that is at risk of developing Caudal Heel Syndrome may have one of the following characteristics:

- Long heels
- Pinched heels



Signs that a horse may have Caudal Heel Syndrome:

- Landing on toes when walking or trotting
- Short strides
- Horse appears lame

Managing Caudal Heel Syndrome to recovery:

- Identify the cause of the lameness with a hoof care professional
- Limit activity level (riding and exercise)
- Measure and trim hooves so the feet are balanced and weight is distributed evenly
- If appropriate, farriers or veterinarians can use modern day techniques such as nerve blocking, MRIs and x-rays to find the exact location of the pain
- Apply Equi-Pak CS to engage the frog and heel again, and help the horse distribute its weight evenly across the entire hoof surface. Because the frog is often sensitive after diagnosis, the copper sulfate formula helps serve as a preventative measure to keep the soft tissue healthy and infection-free.



How farriers prevent Caudal Heel Syndrome:

- Trim hooves consistently
- Apply pour-in pads to provide support
- Utilize pour-in pads to distribute weight evenly across the entire hoof bottom

