

Horse Wound Care Chart

PRODUCT	ANTIBACTERIAL	USE ON MINOR CUTS	PROMOTES DRYING	STOPS PROUD FLESH
Aloe Vera	No	Yes	No	No
Animax (Panalog)* ¹	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Betadine Gel*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Betadine Scrub*	Yes	Yes, but rinse thoroughly	Yes	No
Betadine Solution*	Yes	Yes, but must be diluted	Yes	No
Blu-Kote	To some extent	Yes	Yes	No
Collasate	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Corona ointment	No	Yes	No	No
Furall**	No	Yes	No	No, promotes it
Fura-Zone**	No	Yes	No	No, promotes it
Granulex V*	No	No	Yes	Yes
Horseman's Dream ²	No	Yes	No	No
Ichthammol*	No	Yes	No	No
Nolvasan*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Peroxide ³	Yes, but needs long contact time	No	Yes	No
Rubbing Alcohol ⁴	Yes, but needs long contact time	No	Yes	No
Silver Sulfadiazine 1%* ⁵	Yes	Yes, on abrasions and burns	Yes	Yes
Triple Antibiotic Ointment*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Wonder Dust	To some extent	No	Yes	No, promotes it

* Water-soluble products. These are best for minor wounds because of: antiseptic properties (except Aloe Vera); air can penetrate the product; some have emollient properties. Their water solubility also allows thorough and easy cleaning of the wound. Betadine Solution, however, must be diluted. Betadine Scrub must be thoroughly rinsed. Betadine products contain tamed iodine; never apply tincture of iodine (7%) to a wound.

** Petroleum-based products. These are most useful for superficial scrapes and as emollients, but should not be used to thwart infection.

¹ Animax (Panalog) is an antibacterial steroid combo, which might not be allowed by some competition organizations combines nystatin, neomycin sulfate, thiostrepton, and triamcinolone.

² Horseman's Dream contains Aloe and Vitamin E; good for minor wound care.

³ Peroxide causes the microscopic blood vessels around the wound to recede, and should only be used on intact skin. Because of this, it isn't very helpful with wound care. It is often used to remove blood from around a wound.

⁴ Rubbing alcohol requires about 10 minutes contact time to kill off microorganisms, and it stings badly when applied to an open skin wound. Alcohol should only be used on intact skin, therefore, it isn't very helpful with wound care.

⁵ Use of Silver Sulfadiazine, which is a water-soluble product, must be by a veterinarian or under a veterinarian's order.

Check all products if being used on a competition horse to ensure the competition organization does not ban its usage.