

Hoof Photos

Hoof photos are important for gauging your horse's progress as he/she transitions to healthy hooves. Photos before and after the first trim are highly recommended. They serve as a visual record and reminder of the condition of the hooves, of the details of the trim, and the progress of rehabilitation.

Take these sets of photos, and provide a copy to your hoofcare provider. Copies may be duplicate photos, or a color copy.

- 1. Before natural trimming:** All 4 hooves—side, sole, heel, side weight-bearing, front weight-bearing, plus one full horse photo.
- 2. After first trim (that day):** All 4 hooves—side, sole, heel, side weight-bearing, front weight-bearing, plus one full horse photo.
- 3. At regular intervals:** All 4 hooves—side, sole, heel

Instructions for taking hoof photos: Photos should be of sufficient quality (light, size, focus, etc.) for the pertinent details to be visible. Photos should be taken with the horse standing on a smooth level surface (concrete, sheet of plywood, etc.), and the hooves should be clean. Photos of the hooves should show the hoof at least 2" in size on the photo (best taken with an adjustable focus 35 mm camera).

On the back of each photo, please record the date, horse's name, and which hoof (LF, RF, LH, RH).

Photo examples:



Side



Sole



Heel



Front Weight-bearing



Side Weight-bearing