

# FEET FIRST

Are you in the know when it comes to looking after your pony's hooves in winter? Test your skills right here!

There's lots to consider when it comes to keeping hooves in tip-top condition, so why not try our quiz to find out whether you're a winter hoof care hero or if you need a little more help when it comes to your pony's feet?

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You pick out your pony's feet by...

- A Using a hoof pick from toe to heel
- B Using a hoof pick from heel to toe, avoiding the sensitive frog area
- C Going for a hack and allowing the mud to fall out on its own

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How often should your pony see a farrier?

- A Every four to six weeks, or in between visits if there's a problem
- B At least twice a year
- C Around every eight weeks

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Why is it important not to work your pony fast on deep, boggy ground?

- A It could lead to bruising or cracking of his hooves, concussion and other leg injuries
- B Because his shoes might get loose and come off
- C It'll cause too much blood to flow into his feet

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A supplement ingredient that supports healthy hoof growth is...

- A Seaweed
- B Eucalyptus
- C Biotin

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Conditions affecting hooves in winter include...

- A Cracks, thrush and white line disease
- B Athlete's foot, verrucas and ingrown nails
- C Mud fever, rainscald and sarcoids

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Hoof creams and balms can help to...

- A Make your pony's shoes last longer
- B Cool down your pony's feet
- C Protect hooves from absorbing too much moisture in wet conditions

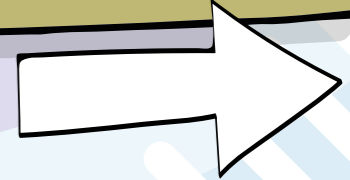
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What are the main purposes of your pony's frog? (tick all that apply)

- A To make him jump higher
- B To ensure feet receive a healthy blood supply
- C To aid with grip and provide a weight-bearing surface for the foot

## TOP TIP

Ask your farrier to recommend a hoof cream or balm to help your pony's feet stay healthy.



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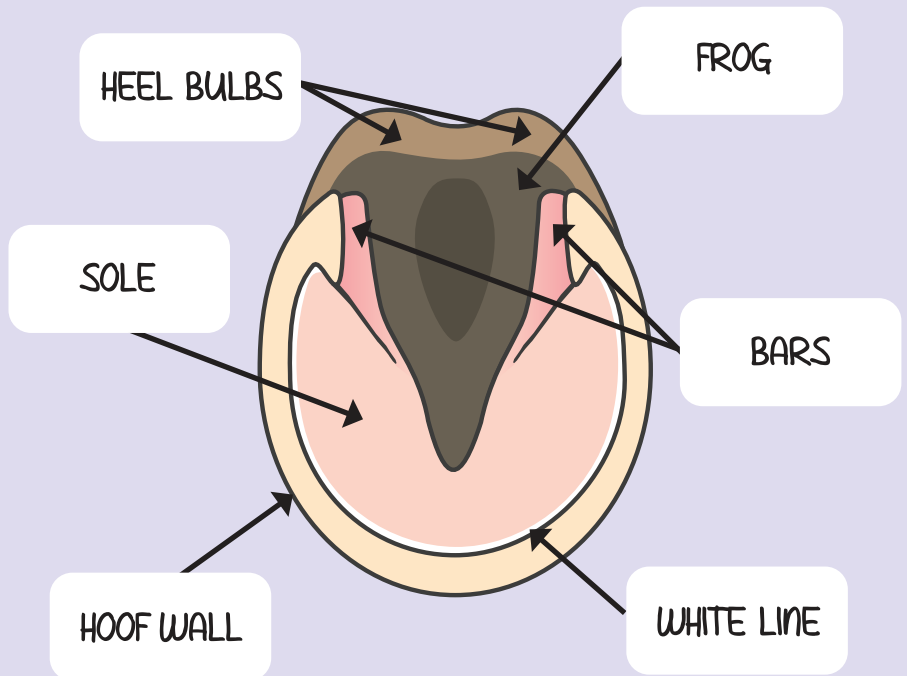
Which of the following is true?  
(tick all that apply)

- A** You should check your pony's hooves every day, looking out for cracks, bruising, heat and any stones that might be wedged
- B** Abscesses in the hoof can cause extreme lameness and you need to contact your vet straight away
- C** Your pony has 16 bones in each foot



Label the hoof diagram

- bars
- hoof wall
- frog
- sole
- heel bulbs
- white line



## HOW DID YOU GET ON?

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### Hoof hoper!

Oops! Your knowledge of all things hoof related needs some work. Now's the time to brush up on your skills to make sure your pony's feet stay strong and healthy this winter.

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### Handy with hooves!

Not bad! You're fairly clued up on this subject, but there's still some room for improvement. Next time your farrier visits, why not ask a few questions to further your knowledge?

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### Hoof hero!

Wow, we're impressed! When it comes to ponies' feet, there's little you don't know. Keep up the good work and rest assured your pony's hooves are in capable hands.

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