

Fitting Instructions For The VetCell Hoof Support Patch (HSP)

The collapse of the heel is believed to contribute to many foot related problems such as navicular syndrome, chronic heel pain (bruising), coffin joint synovitis, quarter cracks, heel cracks and interference problems. Despite its prevalence the condition is notoriously difficult to treat.

The Hoof Support Patch is designed to add up to 40% strength to the hoof wall thereby preventing the heels from collapsing and helping to avoid associated lameness problems. The patch must be fitted exactly as specified for it to work properly. Please follow the instructions carefully and contact us using the details below if you have any queries. The hoof must be trimmed carefully and totally dry before you start. Do not attempt to fit the HSP on a wet or damp day as the patch will not fix properly.



The area receiving the patch is prepared following the adhesive manufacturer's instructions. Suitable adhesives include Super Fast™, Adhere™ and Jameg. Super Fast™ is used here.



The patch is fitted to the medial and lateral heel region, trimming with scissors where necessary. PLEASE NOTE: If adhering patches to heels with a pre-existing collapse the HSP must be trimmed so that it covers the area of the hoof wall proximal to the collapse and does NOT span the collapsed tubules.



Super Fast™ requires mixing by hand to slow the cure time enough to complete the application with a single nozzle.



The adhesive is applied sparingly to the dull side of the patch. Read the glue manufacturer's instructions to see whether degreasing of the hoof is necessary. Apply the glue at least 1-2mm thick and evenly spread across the patch.



The patch is applied to the hoof with the long side nearest to the ground surface. Do not attach to the shoe!



The patch is held in place with tape until the adhesive is cured.



Excessive adhesive is squeezed from the centre outwards with thumb pressure.



The tape is removed after the adhesive is cured. (For curing times see adhesive manufacturer's instructions.)



The adhesive should form a seal around the edges. Any gaps must be filled with small quantities of adhesive.

Patches must be replaced at each shoeing. To remove the patches from the foot use a dull rasp. DO NOT attempt to pull from the hoof.

For any further queries or questions please contact VetCell on +44 (0)1865 922227 or info@vetcell.com.