

## Hoof Supplements

Horse Hoof supplements speed the creation of quality hoof growth. Studies have determined the benefits of supplementing certain vitamins and minerals in horses. The reason for using hoof supplements is usually related to the lack of certain vitamins and minerals in a horses everyday diet as well as physical limitations of the specific horse.

Biotin is considered to be one of the main beneficial components to a horses hoof growth. Biotin is a B-vitamin that is water-soluble: meaning it is not stored in the body, but actually passes through and out on a very fast cycle. Thus, biotin levels must be maintained in a horse's everyday diet. Thankfully biotin is found in many things such as the grasses and grains a horse eats, supplementation is based on a horses individual situation. Biotin can be supplemented directly or it may be added in the form of a more complete supplement solution such as commercially available hoof supplements like "Farrier's Formula" or "Hoof Power".

Signs of weakness in the horses hoof will determine the need to supplement. A few common signs are:

- vertical hairline cracks in outer hoof wall
- constant chipping out
- need for extra protection

There are many other signs that a horse will exhibit that may be assessed by a professional such as a farrier or horse veterinarian.

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