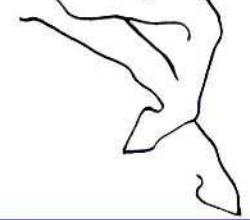


ADAPTATION SUGGESTIONS

StrideEquus



OBJECTIVE: Shims

marquis®
supergrip

WHY:

Ideally, with proper hoof form and function, shims should not be required. This information is provided for horses who are in process to better hoof form. Shims provide a minor adaptation to the **marquis** boot and are used for horses who have a slight deviation in their hoof walls. This is caused by a flare anywhere around the hoof wall that cannot be removed. The shims prevent bridging of the hoof boot on the hoof wall (much like saddle fit). The **marquis** boot lends itself extremely well to boot adaptations.

SHIM MATERIAL:



There are many options for shim material: gardener's kneeling pad, ant-fatigue mat, **marquis** insoles, are just a few. #1 & 2. do the fingernail test whereby you squeeze the material between your nails on your thumb and forefinger. You will find different compression densities. At a minimum, you do not want to feel your fingernails between the material.



HOOF WALL SHIMS: for horses with slight hoof wall deviation



Cut out the shape that you will need for your application. The photos above show you some ideas: #3 front flares, #4 front flare that extends around the side #5 underslung heels



6. Put on the **marquis** boot, insert shim, close front flap, inflate.

7. Small narrow frog on Navicular horse.

8. Triangular shim cut to fit over frog stimulating frog and digital cushion on weight bearing.

9. Secure shim in base of boot with double sided tape.

FROG/SOLE SHIMS: for Navicular horses



Quick Check List

- Are you slowly introducing your horse to the boots over a few 20 minute sessions?
- Are the hooves and boots clean?
- Is the hoof seated down into the bottom of the boot?
- Is the toe to the front of the boot?
- The hoof is centered inside the boot?
- Boots on the correct feet - the clip is to the outside of each boot?
- Wire is securely fixed?
- Is the clip closed and secure?
- The boot is the correct size/fitting correctly in the sides and back?
- Air chamber is filled to the desired fullness?
- Valve caps in place?