

## HOOF MEASURING GUIDE

Boots are designed on natural shaped hooves, although some will fit hooves with some deformities such as flaring or a club foot.

A natural shape is low heel (not underslung), short toe, minimal to no flaring and a bevelled wall. If you are not sure, please also send through photos as detailed over leaf.

### Measuring for hoof boots

#### Measure the length:

Draw an imaginary line behind the heel buttresses (the part of the wall which touches the ground as circled below). Measure from the centre through to the toe (orange arrow).

#### Measure the width:

Measure across the hoof at the widest part (green arrow). Be sure to keep the ruler at right angles to the hoof.



### We need to know:

1. How long after a trim the measurements taken?
2. When is the next trim due? How often does your horse get trimmed?
3. Do you trim yourself; or are you able to use a rasp to tidy the hooves and apply the bevel between farrier visits?

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### Questions (continued):

4. What type of riding do you do?
5. Is your horse tender-footed:-
  - a. In the paddock?
  - b. When being ridden?
6. How long has your horse been barefoot?
7. Have you used boots before?
8. What brand of boot are you considering?

### Taking photos

*(optional but helpful if you are unsure if the hoof shape is suitable for boots.)*

Ensure the photos are clear and not too small.

Have the horse standing on pavement or similar surface.

- A. Have the camera close to the ground level and take photo of the hoof from the side.
- B. With the camera close to the ground level take a photo of the hoof from the front.
- C. Then pick the hoof up and take a photo with the camera at a slight angle to sole (so depth can be seen either side of the frog).

Email the answers to the questions, the measurements and photos through to

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