

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).

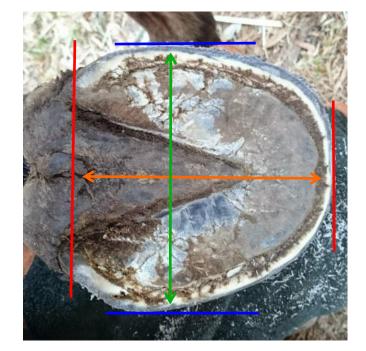
Measure the width:

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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