

Hoof care and correct cleaning

- 1 Make sure your horse/pony is tied up safely.
- 2 Stand by your horse/pony's shoulder, facing towards his tail. Make sure you are stood close to his side otherwise it will be difficult to hold his leg in the air.
- 3 Run your hand all that way down our horse/pony's shoulder and down the back of his leg to his fetlock.
- 4 Lift up the hoof (and don't drop it!) – make sure that you're holding it by the hoof rather than the leg as the hoof will be lighter.
- 5 Pick out the hoof working from the heel towards the toe – make sure that you avoid the sensitive frog in the middle of the hoof, but do clean out the clefts on either side.
- 6 If your horse/pony wears shoes check they are secure, not twisted and not too worn.
- 7 Safely put your horse/pony's hoof back down (don't drop it!)
- 8 Move to your horse/pony's back leg, standing close to his hindquarters and facing his tail.
- 9 Run your hand down his hindquarters and down the inside of his leg – if he kicked out this way you could let go and your arm.
- 10 Lift his hoof up and hold by the hoof rather than the leg and clean.
- 11 Carefully move to the horse's other side and repeat! REMEMBER! Always hold the horse's hoof with the hand nearest to him.

HINT!
Don't lift the leg too high else it might be uncomfortable!



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You might need to lean a little on your horse/pony's shoulder to get him to shift his weight onto the other leg.

