

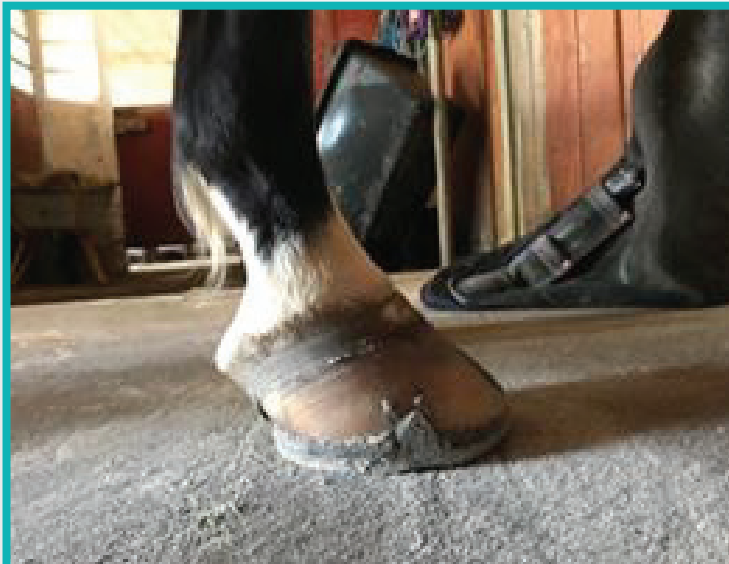
## Hoof Care

Hooves should be cleaned and checked for signs of disease or injuries, such as thrush, cracks or foreign bodies (stones for example) at appropriate intervals.

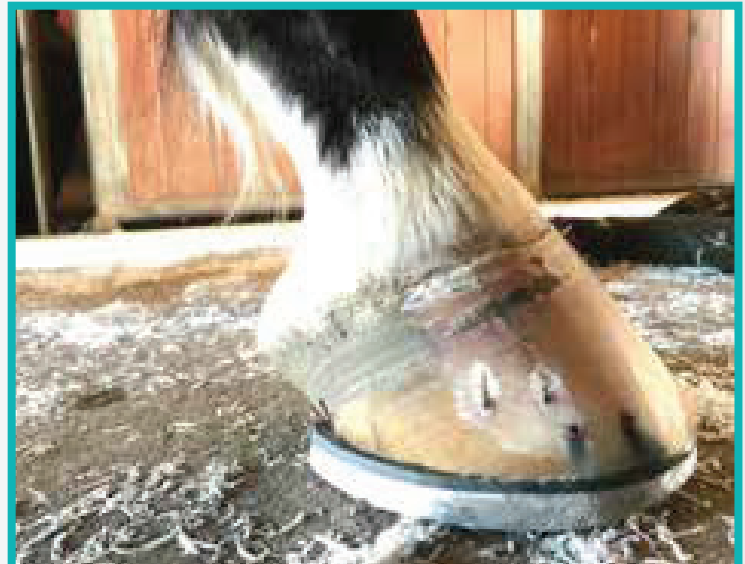
- The hooves of a horse should **be trimmed** at regular intervals.
- The frequency of trimming depends on a number of factors such as age, use and whether the horse is shod.
- As a guideline, horses that are shod should be trimmed and have shoes renewed **every 6 – 8 weeks**.
- Horses used for **sport or leisure** without shoes should have their hooves inspected after use for over-wear.
- It is recommended that **only trained professionals** should trim and shoe horses.



*If there are signs of hoof problems, such as lameness, hooves should be checked immediately.*



**Before**



**After**

*Photos are used in this factsheet to illustrate some conditions. They should not be considered to illustrate the only solution to the conditions described*