

2010 Horse Journal Products of the Year

*The most innovative, hardworking products
from the past year's trials.*

The choice of products of the year is one we take very seriously. Many times it comes down to what our testers have found they simply wouldn't be without again, and other times it's simply the best product we've found for the job. As previously, we're presenting these to you in alphabetical order.



AGSILVER CLEAN BUCKET

We were so certain this product wouldn't live up to its claims, we couldn't wait to try it. And we were so wrong! This high-density plastic bucket looks like other water buckets, but its polyethylene is impregnated with ionic silver. The silver is safe for your horse, and it helps minimize the slime buildup in water buckets. What's more is that nearly all our test horses seemed to prefer the water from the AgSilver bucket. **877-437-8434.**

BANIXX

This liquid wound and hoof care formula is independent-lab tested as anti-microbial. We found it began to work within just a few days, even without removing scabs on rain rot. On thrush, results were fast, even with painful severe thrush. We like its double-duty ability to use on both hooves and skin, so we can keep one product on hand. No dilution. Spray on. **888-282-4599. /32 oz.**

DERMACLOTH

This premoistened cloth contains vitamin E, a coat conditioner, nonionic surfactants and the antimicrobial Microban. It has no soaps or alcohol, and we've found it effective for preventing minor skin infections, routine care of sutured wounds or irritated skin. It's so simple to use and because it's a disposable cloth, there's no concern about contaminating the whole jar when

using it on a wound. We think it's worth the price. **877-786-9882. /8 cloths.**

ICE HORSE WRAPS

Every barn should have cold therapy ready to go. And Ice Horse makes that simple with flexible gel packs that stayed cold longer than other competitors in our trial. Plus, these packs can be warmed for heat therapy, too, and we love double-duty products. **800-786-6633. to**

KENTUCKY KARRON OIL

When pastures are thin, you need to feed omega 3s through fish oil or flaxseed. Both improved our horses' coats, but Karron Oil was much cheaper, at about 40¢ a day vs. 73¢ to over \$3.12. It's a pharmacy-grade flaxseed oil that's palatable and adheres to your feed, rather than settling to the bottom of the tub as can happen with ground flaxseed. **www.kimminsinternational.com, 239-216-0074. \$34.50/1.32 gallons.**

KERATEX HOOF HARDENER

It penetrates deeply then reacts with the hoof wall keratin to form additional links/bridges. It binds to protein to stiffen the keratin coil, helping prevent brittleness and cracks. It's expensive, but it lasts and gets the job done. **888-537-2839. /8 oz.**

MOSQUITO HALT

If we had a nickel for every time we've told a caller to try Mosquito

Halt for fly control only to be told, "But I don't have a mosquito problem," well, we'd be lounging in the Hawaiian Islands instead of writing this piece. Not only is it highly effective, it also comes the closest we've seen to meeting duration of protection claims (two to three days). **800-234-2269. /32 oz.**

ODOR-NO-MORE

A unique addition to stall odor control is Odor-No-More. We used their dry flakes and found they absorbed wetness like no other product we've tried before. There was a noticeable difference in the stall after just a few days in both dampness and odor control. At **949-677-9422. /10 lbs.**

SOLAR SUNTANK

The Solar SunTank's advertising claims raised our skeptical eye and begged for a field trial. But the 25-gallon tank we used during the year-long trial lived up to its no-freeze claims and more. If you set the tank properly, according to instructions, the water in these tanks doesn't freeze in the winter and it doesn't develop green slime in the summer. The best indicator of success, however, was that we noted increased water consumption. **435-656-0229. to**

SPALDING FLY PARASITES

When we saw the results from the field trial, we knew we were onto something: fly parasites visibly reduce the population of biting flies on a farm. They're also relatively inexpensive and easy to use. We used Spalding Lab Fly Predators. **800-706-3116. /packet. []**