

Saddle Pads and Support Boots for the Informed Consumer
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INTRODUCTION:

Objective of Presentation

SADDLE PADS:

Types and Characteristics

Felt

Blanket

Gel

Foam

Combinations

Designs and Considerations

One Piece vs. Two Piece Designs

Wear Points and How to Check

A Look To The Future

New Materials

Combination of Materials

Multi-Density Designs

SUPPORT BOOTS & LEG WRAPS

Support, Protection or Both

Polo Wraps

Leather Style Skid Boots

Splint Boots

Sports Medicine Boots

Lined Boots

Types of Lining Material

Closed Cell Foam

Open Cell Foam

Gel

Purpose of Lining Material

Shock Absorber

Additional Support

Method of Attachment

Sewn

Glued

Free Floating

Unlined Boots

Neoprene Body

Molded Foam

- Support Designs
 - Sling Style
 - Figure 8
- What Do They All Do
 - Support
 - Shock Absorption
 - Increase Circulation
- How Do They Do It
 - Proprioceptive Feedback
 - Supportive Wrapping
- Differences in Neoprene
 - Two Types
 - Petroleum Based
 - Limestone Based
 - Two Mixes
 - 100% Neoprene
 - Blended Neoprene
- Hook & Loop Closures & Laminates
 - What is Cycle Life
 - Sheer Strength vs. Tear Strength
 - Matched Surfaces
- Boot Inserts
 - Magnetic
 - Cold Therapy
 - Other
- Misconceptions About Boots
 - Neoprene is Too Hot
 - They Limit Range of Motion
 - They Burned My Horse
- Deciding What You Need
 - Identify Your Needs
 - Choose the Correct Size
 - Apply Products Correctly
 - Remove When Done
 - Launder Regularly

Question and Answer Period