



Testimonial

HORSE OWNERS

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Hungary

Sweet Itch in Horses

Susann Hanauer and Ralf Wassmann own two mares, which were imported to Germany from Iceland in Spring 1994. In 1995, they began suffering with sweet itch.

They tried homeopathic remedies including Allergosal and Dermisal, bioresonance therapy, blood doping and other natural approaches. Neither of the mares responded at all. In 1997, they tried Bott's Blankets, which showed some relief, but their fellow horses tore the blankets to bits.

After three years of mending blankets, they were beyond repair, and still the sweet itch was a problem.

They moved to Hungary in 1998, where the sweet itch improved a little. The air is drier with fewer mosquitos than Germany. However sweet itch was still causing the mares' considerable discomfort.

Treatment

They began Plocher treatment by sampling the mare's capillary blood (not arterial) from scratches on their ears (also possible from the leg). Drops of blood were placed onto microscope slides, placed in special wooden containers to prevent the blood congealing and sent to Plocher in Meersburg.

Plocher prepared a special feed supplement according to the needs of the blood, which was despatched and 5g per day was added to their feed.

In addition, Plocher Daily Care and Weekly Boost were added to feed from February 2003.

When the supplement was finished, more blood samples were taken and sent to Plocher, where new special feed supplements were prepared. This cycle was repeated five times for Solbra and six times for Sabina.

During treatment, both mares were put out to pasture for six hours a day from March. At night they were placed in an open stall and fed with hay. No sweet itch blankets or fly sprays were used.

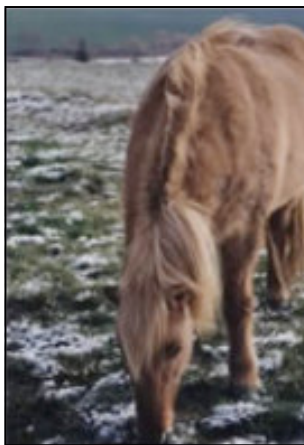
Result

The mares are significantly better and more content. On occasion, a few spots of sweet itch still occur during intense climatic conditions, and a little Plocher Skin Cream (AH 2331) is applied. The spots heal within an astonishingly short time and new hair grows.

Diaries were kept:

SUMMARY OF DIARY FOR SOLBRA:

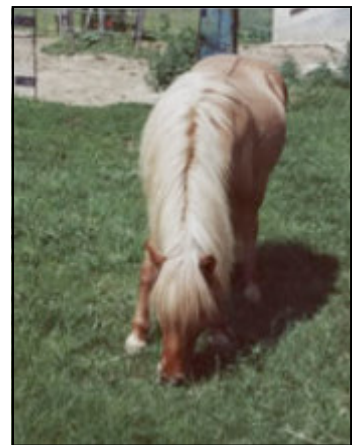
Initially, she still bit herself on the itchy spots on her teat or chest and scratched her mane, but not as furiously as before. After five months (by July), whilst significantly improved, she still scratched her mane sometimes, but since summer temperatures were regularly 30-40°C, this was to be expected. After five applications in seven months (by September) she was symptom-free. Her mane grew and grew and there is no longer any trace of sweet itch.



Winter 2002



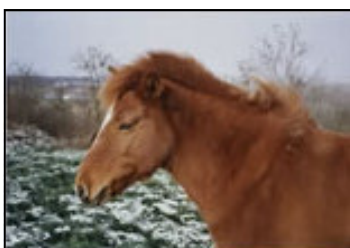
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SUMMARY OF DIARY FOR SABINA:

She had symptoms longer in all the typical places. She had few open sores, only small dry scabs. Neither her mane or her stomach were as swollen as before. Her whole body was never affected simultaneously and the affected spots became more localised. Today she has a thin mane and a full crown of mane hair – previously it had always been completely bare due to sweet itch. For the first time, she also has hair on her stomach – even in winter, she had never had hair on her stomach because she scratched it so much, scrubbing it on the floor.



Above: December 2002

Below: August 2003



In previous summers she would never venture out of the stable – she was afraid of being bitten, however this year she led out the horses and never returned to the stables alone. Her behaviour was more much more relaxed when insects were around her.

She still required applications of cream between May and October although because sweet itch was localised, application was quicker and less frequent. From mid-October, she was completely free from sweet itch and despite unusually warm and wet weather in November, her condition remained stable.



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