

Product News and Reviews

Banixx Wound & Hoof Care has been named a 2010 *Horse Journal* Product of the Year.

Each December, *Horse Journal* (www.horse-journal.com) selects a handful of names from the long list of products they've tested in the past year to highlight as "Products of the Year." Along with examining such factors as value, efficacy, and innovation, the *Horse Journal* staff selects these top products based on "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."

After reviewing Banixx Wound & Hoof Care, *Horse Journal* stated, "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."

While Banixx serves "double duty" for both hooves and skin, the manufacturers state that "it is also amongst the most versatile products on the market today for treating a wide variety of species." Banixx has been used successfully to treat infections on parrots, falcons, llamas, alpacas, show sheep, cows and pigs, dogs, cats, and ferrets.

Banixx Wound & Hoof Care is available in three sizes: quart, pint, and pet (eight-ounce) size. A Banixx gel application is also currently in development.

Banixx is available at several feed and tack shops in Hawaii, including VO Ranch Products, The Pet Depot and Land O Lakes on Oahu; Aloha Feeds on Kauai; and Miranda Country Store on the Big Island.

For more information, visit www.banixx.com or call 888-282-4599.

Kerrits Knickers. Here's a great new wet-weather item from Kerrits. These capri-length overpants fit right over jeans or riding pants. They're wind and waterproof, and they have full-length side zippers and an adjustable elastic waistband, so they're very easy to put on over your regular pants. The fullseat GripStretch™ is a nice feature, also—it gives lots more security in the saddle than the plastic pull-on rain pants our tester used to wear in foul weather.

These might be a bit too warm in the midst of a Hawaii summer rainstorm, but if you've ever been caught in a cold rain or wind (think winter in Volcano, the slopes of Haleakala, the misty hills of Waimea, or any upslope, windward side of any island), you'll appreciate these. The knickers are an excellent cover-up to keep your pants clean before you go into the show pen, also.

They're capri-length, so they don't interfere with your half-chaps, boots or spurs. A great invention! For more information, see www.kerrits.com.



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At left: the filly Bey Fire Jewel at eight months. by TC Bey Cedar and out of Pele's Fire, a chestnut Polish Arabian mare

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The Breeding Checklist, continued

the stallion for a month? (Who pays for any injuries to the mare or stallion?) Artificial insemination, by fresh semen or frozen shipped semen? A.I. can provide an increased measure of control over schedules and reduce the risk of injury to valuable horses, but it also introduces issues with timing, transportation, storage and handling.

Your veterinarian can perform a pregnancy check, using ultrasound, fairly soon after breeding. When you know your mare's successfully in foal, monitor her nutrition and general health, especially during the last three months of the eleven-month gestation period. Follow your veterinarian's recommendations for vaccinations—including rhinopneumonitis vaccines at the third, fifth, and seventh month, to guard against viral abortion.

Plan to boost your mare's nutrition throughout her gestation, especially during the last three months. Your mare should increase in weight during pregnancy, going from a body condition score of 5 to 6, 7 or 8.

And as the foaling date approaches, you'll want to review all the additional information and procedures you'll need to know to help with a successful birth.

The March 2010 issue of *Malama Lio* published an excellent article on "Foaling Guidelines" by Lisa Wood, DVM. It's available on our website at www.malama-lio.com; on the Home page, look for the links to previous issues.

Information compiled from previous *Malama Lio Vet's Corner* articles, plus information at www.thehorse.com, www.horseadvice.com, and www.extension.umn.edu.