

HOCK SHIELD®

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. When putting Hock Shields® on, make sure leg is directly under them. Stepping forward, backward or tipping up the hoof will expand the joint.
2. Finding the perfect spot can take experimentation. Start with just a little tension in the elastic. If it falls down, put a little more tension the next time. You want to find the **loosest** point you need without it falling down.
3. **NEVER PUT IT ON TOO TIGHT!!!** Putting it on too tight can make it come off too. If it isn't comfortable, your horse will get it off. You must be able to slide two fingers between the elastic and the leg. That joint will expand about one inch when they lay down, you need to allow for that expansion.
4. Some horses are a bigger challenge than others. The way they push, their conformation, their stall-mate/neighbor, or other mystery factors contribute to the challenge.
5. If your horse needs to wear their Hock Shields all the time, you should check and readjust them each day.
6. Keep experimenting and you should be able to find the right spot for your horse.
7. Horses should get at least 3 months wear out of their Hock Shields®, most get more.