

Drum Beat

*Show
me your
horse and
I will tell
you who
you are
English
Proverb*

You show Girl! Show grooming, continued

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thoroughly and apply de-tangler and shine to the tail and mane again. Depending on your discipline I wouldn't apply shine to mane and tail until after you have braided or banded it. I also like to comb feathers and add a little detangler. Sometimes you have to sand the hoof and apply clear polish or hoof black. I do this about 20 min before their class so they have time to dry. It is important to study your

rule books and standards for your breed and discipline so that you are prepared and legal with not only your tack but your grooming as well!

I hope this helped! Good luck and I'll see you on the show pen!!

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A little about the Author~

Hello, I have been Breeding,

Showing and Training horses for well over 20 years. I have earned numerous World and Reserve World Championships in APHA, AQHA, and PtHA. I have earned Horse of the Year in PtHA twice and numerous Regional and Canadian National titles and am a Futurity Money earner. I specialize in Equine Reproduction and currently am Heading up Horse Feathers Stallion Station and Mare services facility in Bellville Texas.

White Tails...A handy was to remove stains!

You will need a cup of Bi Carb of Soda, white vinegar, shampoo, conditioner, a good quality hot oil, and access to warm water or have several buckets of warm water standing by.

This process will be much easier and more effective if you use 'hand' hot water as you need to dissolve the Bi Carb of Soda, and warm water does a better job of cleaning and rinsing than cold.

For all organic stains, such as a grungy urine stains, or just plain dirty, rather than reach for the purple shampoo, give this a try first. Although this is aimed at white tails, this method can be used on all tails that need a good clean, particularly mares, as urine will eventually make dark hair bleach, and the vinegar rinse will help with this. Dissolve the Bi Carb in one litre of hot water, then add this mix into a bucket containing 5 litres of warm water. Soak the tail for a few minutes, ensuring

you work the liquid through the stained tail by swishing the tail well in the mixture, this will cause the hair cuticle to swell and assist lifting out any built up stains and dirt.

Then rinse the tail off with clean warm water. *(Being so alkaline, it can leave the hair feeling rather dry at this point).*

Rinse the tail with a 50-50 mix of white vinegar and water, *(this will neutralize the hair, and it will feel smoother).* Use a plastic jug to do this as it makes it easier to pour through the tail.

Now, mix a quality shampoo with a generous squirt of Morning Fresh, and work through the tail ensuring you get it all the way to the roots.

Rinse off with warm water, then apply conditioner, again working well into the roots, leave it in for 10 minutes, then rinse.

Now do the same, but this time using a 1-6 dilution of

Hot Oil and conditioner, pour it through the dock and skirt of the tail, leave in for 10 minutes, then rinse off using warm water.

Do not use the cheap \$2 store type products, they have their place, but not when you are trying to nourish the hair.

Air dry the tail, and place in a tail bag or 3 tube tail wrap.

You can repeat this process the next day or a few days later if you feel the stain needs another treatment.

Follow up with a weekly shampoo, and condition, condition, condition.

With a long term stained tail, this process needs to be done at least a few days before showing, sometimes one treatment is not enough, if this is the case, simply repeat the process.

The key to success is to remember to remove any stains before using high light shampoo.