



Ultraboss:

And other practical tick control strategies!

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Around the stable and farm:

Keeping brush and grass mowed, and removing leaf litter and other debris removes some of the habitat for ticks and will reduce the number picked up from your fields.

Keeping tails banded or bagged just short enough to prevent dragging in the grass is also helpful. However, in our area this is often not enough.

Groom with your finger tips involved:

Be sure to look and feel in the groin, under the chin, around the anus and underside of the dock, all over the chest, and in the armpits. Ticks love to latch onto these places. Remove the tick with your finger tips/nails (and then wash your hands!) or with tweezers or purpose made tick pulling tools.

Chemical control measures:

There are options!

i. Ultraboss:

- WEAR GLOVES while working with Ultraboss and pay attention to package safety directions.
- This link will give you more information.
- <https://merckusa.cvp-service.com/product/basic/view/1047203>
- -Labeled for horses, this is an option we can provide for you. We are happy to give you a first dose to see how your horse does with it. Then you can either keep getting doses from us, or you can get a whole bottle at Tractor Supply and similar retailers.
- NOTE you are using this on some of the horse's thinnest most sensitive skin. It is wise to take 2-3 mL and apply it on a place that doesn't wear tack, and not too low on the leg-- I suggest the fold of the flank (bottom of the big whorl), and wait a couple days to be sure your horse isn't sensitive to it. If you see swelling or hair loss do not use any more on your horse.
- Ultraboss is used similarly spot on products you may have used on your dog or cat. You measure an amount based on the weight of your horse (usually about 30 mLs) and gently apply streaks on the horse. I suggest applying a light streak up the front of each leg from the coronet to knee or hock. Then put small streaks between the jaws, along the dock, armpits, groin, mane or where ever you tend to find ticks on your horse. This will distribute throughout the skin and will last for several weeks. You can repeat it every 2-4 weeks as needed.
- Use a cotton ball or other small disposable applicator to get the hard to reach places.

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- Apply in the evening, or while your horse will be indoors for a few hours, avoid intense sun right after application.
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2. Frontline spray:

This is not labeled for horses, so I am not legally allowed to advocate it's use. However, I can tell you that for at least 20 years many horse people in our area have used this on their horses, and they report good results. This is the spray NOT the spot on. The usual dose is 10-12 pumps on the spray bottle applied to the legs, dock, under the jaws and places you find ticks. Used every 2-4 weeks as needed. This appears to be safe and effective. However, it does not appear to be easy to find right now.

If you need additional information or more alternatives, please ask!