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### The Answer To Static Problems With You & your Horse?

- ✓ I think I may have a solution to the static problem! Try coating the inside of the rug in baby powder, then just lightly rub it of (so you don't get powder all over the horse) and the static should settle down. I haven't tried this but I have heard of someone who has, and it seems quite logical.
- ✓ I had a horse with the same problem and after a week of putting a tablespoon of vegetable oil daily in his food his coat sat down and no more static putting on and taking rugs off
- ✓ Regarding the static, have they tried simply wearing rubber gloves or standing on a rubber mat when changing rugs??
- ✓ You should try a natural fibre rug since this will cut down on the static (like hessian or jute). We all have that problem due to the wind at present and I actually roll my rugs off them don't pull them off in one go. Strangely the horses that have a tail bag on don't get it as bad as the ones that don't have????
- ✓ Just replying about the static problem ... I have heard that metal safety pins pinned onto clothing can get rid of static, maybe it could work for horse rugs?? Pin it onto the satin inserts, near the hem. I think it is the synthetic materials that cause the problem
- ✓ For the static problem, I'm not sure if it will work but I know if you wash your horse's tail with vinegar in water it stops the static so it may just work for the rug as well, I would be washing both the rug and horse in the vinegar. It's worth a try.
- ✓ Try spraying rugs with a cheap hair spray!!
- ✓ I would recommend that you just grab some anti static spray from the supermarket (usually in the laundry or sewing sections) and spray the inside of the rug with that. It only costs a few dollars and works really well.
- ✓ Try "Statique" anti-static spray for women's lingerie etc. You spray inside of garment (rug) and let dry. It lasts until the next washing. Works on people - should on horses
- ✓ To the family with the electric pony problem. What is your rug made from? What is it lined with? Do you wash everything a lot and possibly removed the oils from the pony's coat? Try anti static spray from supermarket on inside of rugs and also buy some 'el cheapo' glycerine hand cream and rub over your horse sparingly? My suspicions are you're over washing (don't use shampoo) and / or using a synthetic rug.
- ✓ Since it is during the dry season when this happens, why not first use Miracle Groom 5 in 1 as it cleans and conditions the coat without getting the horse wet (as when bathing). A good gloss spray like Elegance from H10 could do similar. You simply spray it on and then the horse is ready to go and since it conditions, it will allow the horse hair and skin to more readily accept a blanket and rug without friction to the horse when removed, as the hair follicles will be conditioned and not dry and static free ( but also not wet as if it would be

when you bathe)....also another product to use is to spray a mixture of Vitamin E and water on the coat as this also is a great conditioner. Also here is another tip, try spraying a human hairspray on the blanket (the side you put to the horse's coat), do not spray the hairspray on the horse only the blanket. Then when you put it on the horse, it will not cause static. Use whatever type of hairspray, but of course the products that are not aerosol are best( the spritsy ones are better as will go all on the blanket and not in the air) This works really good on women's and mens pant legs also( when I dress up to go out and wear nylons under my dress slacks, they always stick and that is because the weather is dry and 'staticy', but if I first spray my nylons or inside of the slacks legs, then when I put them on, they do not stick( the reason is the ingredients in hairspray repel static). Hope this helps your reader, but if it were me, I would do all the mentioned tips as it would be good to help give the horses hair conditioning without wet moisture before you blanket/rug it.

- ✓ Re the question from the member with the static problem, I also have the same thing happen, I am in S.E. Qld. I wash the horses, rub them down, dry off, and spray the inside of the drying rug with anti-static solution - (Chemist) it works great. The static appears worst after windy days.
- ✓ I am from North West Vic and have the same problems. I have tried everything - rubber soled shoes for horse using natural fibre rugs, slowly removing, quickly removing and so on. What I have found to work best is if the air has moisture in it and the horse is standing in wet dirt, so I put a pile of sand in my wash bay and wet it down, then put the hose on the sand and mist spray to add moisture. If I don't have time (which I usually don't) I just take the rugs off without touching the horse myself and then grab the nearest steel post. It hurts but not as much as touching the horse! He is afraid of me at the moment as I do it sometimes without even realising it. If there are any other ways around this I would benefit from them. Can't change the weather but I am definitely over zapping myself everyday.
- ✓ For your horse problem maybe standing him on a piece of rubber to rug and unrug may help until this dry is over.
- ✓ *Just my contribution as the editor, you can get anti-static guns which of course aren't 'guns' but just look like them because it's the easiest way to handle and point an appliance like this. They work on industrial application so why not on horses and people? A quick 'trawl' through the world horse forums also suggests that wearing leather gloves will alleviate the initial static shock.*

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