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## Itchy Horse or Pony? It Might Be Mites!

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With the drought conditions experienced this year, many of you may have itchy horses or ponies with nasty rubbed areas, which can easily be mistaken for the usual summer itching caused by midges, mossies and flies.

However...it might be mites! The very cold winter and now the hot, dry weather has created an explosion of 'invisible-to-the-naked-eve' mites who have caused animals chaos since February without any let up. Here are some tell-tale symptoms:

- · Biting or rubbing in front chest area and
- sometimes side of shoulders.
- · Itchy manes and neck, above wither area.
- · Attempts to bite sides of bellies.
- · Skin pinkness and/or hair loss or scurf.
- · Rubbing rumps, tails or croups/backs
- · Lifting back legs as though trying to access under the belly or inside back leg.
- · Stamping and Biting feet.
- · Itchy faces or under chins.
- Unexplained general itchiness or scurf. On top of the 'invisible mites', the Harvest mite season is now upon us too but at least you can see their tell-tale signs of red/rusty 'dots' on the skin. They can get everywhere

and their 'insanely itchy bite' only becomes active after they've fed off their host and they have long disappeared. So prevention is easier and cheaper than a 'cure'.

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