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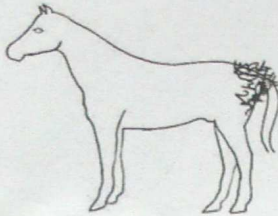
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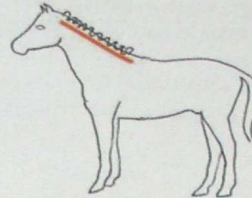
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Please **SHARE** this if it's new to you or others might benefit.

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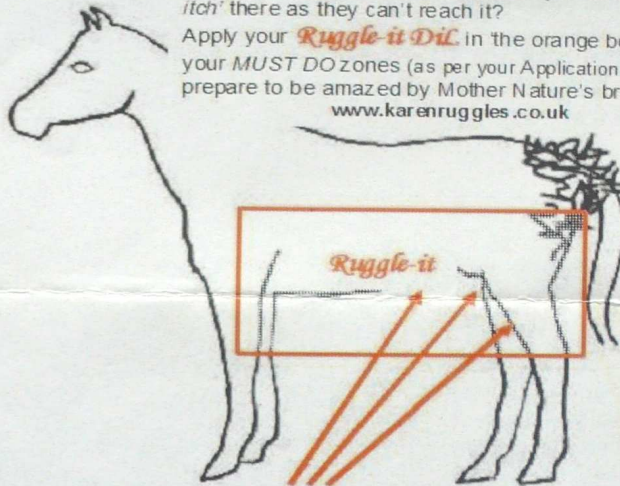


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**Ruggle-it** – in trials we ran some years ago, **OVER 90%** of itchy tails was **NOTHING to do with the tail...** It was from being bitten in this 'box zone', i.e. belly button, the undercarriage, inside thighs & between back legs' region – how else can they 'scratch the itch' there as they can't reach it?

Apply your **Ruggle-it DiL** in the orange box' plus your **MUST DO** zones (as per your Application Notes) & prepare to be amazed by Mother Nature's brilliance!  
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### PART 1 of 2. ITCHY Backends (inc' TAILS/BUMS/Croups/Backs/Sides & Under Belly)

- **\*\*Exclusive Ruggles & Stopital Ltd ("R&SL")** finding from 2008.
- **\*\*\* Over 90%** (ninety percent!) of tail/bum rubbing was **nothing** to do with the tail! (*R&SL* Trial Findings)

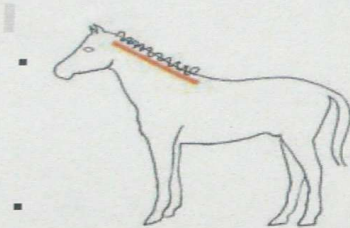


1. - Outdoor-living large & farm animals struggle to reach their **undercarriage, sheath, teats, between their backs legs or their belly button areas** so when they're bitten there, they rub the closest thing they can ...i.e. the tail, bum, roll a lot **or** in bad cases, get down on the ground like a dog & try to drag themselves across the ground.
2. - **Most flying and creeping bugs** (inc' Mites) bite in the above zones as the flesh is soft & with minimal hair cover which ensures the bugs easy blood, feeding & access.
3. - *R&SL* call them the **"Must Do" zones** as we **must** provide protection in these areas **EVEN if the itching is elsewhere...**
4. >>>>The **above diagram** & its revelatory **textbox** show **some** of your critical zones - the **full list** are on **P2** of your **Ruggle-it OANB** (Orange Application Notes Booklet).
5. - **The Power of Ruggle-it Diluted Oil ("DIL")**. Without stating the obvious, for **ALL** itching issues, we urge you to always apply plenty of your **Ruggle-it DIL** (diluted oil mix - not your neat oil) in the **full list** of **"MUST DO"** zones (as per your OANB).
6. **CAUTION re Sunburn with neat oil or salve**. See your OANB as neat oil/salve must not be used on low-hair areas/open wounds that are exposed to sunlight, from April to end September (UK). **Swap to your DIL** instead during these 'risk' months.
7. - **Want better protection?** Have you tried **sponging** on your **Ruggle-it DIL**? See **PTO** for sponge guidance - sometimes it's easier & more effective to use a sponge in the **"Must Do" zones** so

you can see **exactly where you've been** or what you've **missed** as blood-seeking bugs **WILL** find the gaps. [OPTION] Perhaps use the sponge-method for **three consecutive days** so you're sure you've impregnated the hair follicles (e.g. you've put up concrete walls & the roof)...then revert to the spray which is just topping up the protection (adding the doors & windows).



8. Want to know more on how *R&SL* found out about it? See [www.facebook.com/notes/ruggles-stopitall-naturally/itchy-tails-the-answer/458606427565171](http://www.facebook.com/notes/ruggles-stopitall-naturally/itchy-tails-the-answer/458606427565171)
9. **Around June/July each year to November.** If itching only started very recently, then **Harvest Mites** attack humans/animals every year - see our updated 2014 note <http://www.facebook.com/notes/ruggles-stopitall-naturally/warning-harvest-mites-red-dots-loom/313606365398512>. The note principles remain the same, whatever the year.
10. **Does this make sense?** If so, **please share it** or **PRINT it off & put up at your yard** as the above is not well known yet. And even if they're not using *Ruggle-it* it still might help with whatever they're using....

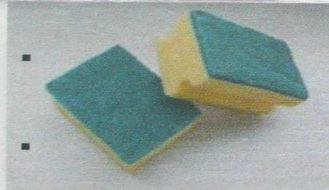


#### PART 2 of 2. ITCHY Manes/Necks (frontends)

- Itchy manes are often **not** actually the physical mane but just beneath where the first hairs start to come out of the crest/neck area (especially on the exposed side (near/left side) of the neck but also under the mane (on the off/right side).
- It seems to be in about a **4 inch strip just beneath** this hair line that is hugely tasty to bugs.
- If you look at that skin/hair area, it's often 'softer/looks slightly different' from the areas lower down the neckline.
- But horses/donkeys/alpacas can't just rub that area...so they rub the whole neck on the closest scratching 'tool/branch/post'.

#### The above DRAWING.

- The **black squiggly line** is the mane sprouting from the side & crest of the neck (not very good with Paintshop software!!).
- The **red solid line** is where the first hairs sprout **but also BELOW** this area in an approximate 4" stripe from poll to withers.



#### SUGGESTION.

- Buy a £1.00 six-pack of the sink scourer/sponges (obviously we'll only use the sponge side on the animal...but the scourer 'rigidity' makes it ideal for us humans to hold).
- Really soak the sponge in your **Ruggle-it DIL** (Diluted oil mix – **NOT** the shampoo mix **OR** the neat oil) – it's best to pour some DIL into a small pot – say a small plastic sandwich box (wide base so unlikely to tip up!) or an old Christmas pudding microwavable tub (with lid). Leave sponge in for a few moments to really soak up the liquid.
- **CAUTION.** Please **NEVER use neat oil or salve** on the "4 inch stripe" areas (or any low-hair areas/open wounds) where there's any risk of sunburn (April to end Sept'). If in doubt, just use **DIL**. But you could put neat oil/salve onto the actual 'bushy mane' as that 'bush' can't burn!
- For the sake of ease, we'll assume the mane lies correctly from the horse's left over the crest to the right/offside.
- Now squeeze out a bit of the excess **Ruggle-it DIL** (so it doesn't drip/waste before you get it onto the neck!), then on the nearside of the neck, just wipe slowly from the poll right down to the side of the withers – don't go too fast or it might not deposit enough. If you need a bit more, just dunk it in your bowl and carry on where you felt it started to run out of 'juice'! On dry coats, you'll see the wet 'stripe'.
- Repeat underneath the mane on the offside too.
- By all means do the internal bits of the mane too with DIL (or neat oil if sufficient mane depth to protect for sunburn in the strong sunlight months) as bugs definitely get in and amongst the mane hairs too.
- Leave your sponge in the **DIL** mix for use next time - the more "dilified" the sponge the better - no point in washing it out or throwing it away each time!
- When you re-use your **DIL** in the 'tub', just shake it well before use - or "scubble about" with your sponge to mix it before use.



**Please do spread the word, stick this on noticeboards** so more animals & owners can protect themselves (even if they're not using *Ruggle-it* knowing these new 'secrets' may help with their current other products). **The Very best of LUCK to your dear animals**