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Ketchup and Crisco in the Barn?

Eight Kitchen Item Horse Care Hacks!



What do ketchup, Crisco, popsicles, soap, and cornstarch have in common? They could save you time or money and solve problems in the barn!

We asked our followers for the best kitchen horse care hacks, and they delivered! Here are eight kitchen items that were repeatedly recommended for use in the barn. (Note: many of these methods have not yet been BarnManager-tested and approved – but others swear by them!)

Crisco - Lisa B. from Atlanta, Georgia, shared on our **BarnManager Facebook** page: “Crisco for hooves. The store brand works great. You have a horse with bad hooves? Rub that in twice a day, and it is a miracle.”



Dish Scrubbers - For a simple way to scrub your horse’s legs and get white socks even whiter, **try one of these soap-dispensing dish scrubbers!** Simply pour your whitening shampoo in the top and scrub away!



Soap - If you have a horse that chews or cribs on wood surfaces, rub a bar of Ivory soap over those surfaces. The taste of the soap will strongly discourage the horse’s cribbing behavior.

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Discharge Reports

Those selling or buying horses likely know all too well that those transactions also mean the gathering, organizing, and transferring of a good deal of paperwork and information, from registration papers to medical records to feed and training notes.

Now, by hitting one “discharge report” button within BarnManager, users can quickly download a full, well-organized report of any and all information on the horse that they would like included, from training notes to vaccination and farrier records and more.



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Five Ingredients You Need for Your Horse’s Best Training Program

By [Caitlyn Shiels](#), [True North Stables](#)

In every show season, there are certain events for which we want our horses to be at their absolute best. One of the most important skills a trainer or rider can have is knowing how to prepare a horse to peak at a certain competition, whether it be an important indoor show or a particular class.

Expecting our horses to perform their best means preparing them to the best of our abilities with the best possible training program for their needs. For any horse that comes into our barn at True North Stables – be it a hunter, jumper, or equitation horse – I create a routine that is specifically best suited for them. There are, however, five key ingredients that I’ve found are important across the board.



1) Clear goals - First, I think it’s important to set attainable goals for the horse, and assuming that they are competition-oriented objectives, look at those goals on a calendar. What events are most important to you as a rider or trainer? And what events are realistic for your horse?

The realistic part is important; take into consideration factors such as your horse’s capabilities and your time and budget. Once you have your sights set on what’s important to you for the horse, you can build your training program around that goal.

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Caitlyn Shiels with student Marisa Malevitis. Photo by [Fine Art Horses](#)



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