## Monthly Newsletter-October 2012

Last month, we spoke at length about Banixx which was recognized and chosen by <u>Horse Journal</u> as one of its products for 2010 recommended for care of wounds, cuts and other infections of skin and hoof. This month we continue our series on other products available on the market which treat the problem of animal skin infections: fungus, mycosis,etc. .

First, let us recall that there exist numerous infectious agents leading to animal skin diseases. Among them we cite:

**Fungus of the type called "rainrot":** these generally develop on the animal's back and its coat will be as if il were covered with gritty sand sometimes with a waxy texture. These fungi often manifest themselves when it is warm and humid. Vaporizing products and other shampoos can help to get rid of such fungi. It is often also necessary to treat the blankets, bridles, halters etc.

**Circular type fungus or"ringworm"**: these develop having a round form and are extremely itchy. The animal has a tendency to lose or shed its hair. Be very careful because these fungi are contagious and can be easily transmitted from animal to man.

**Bacterial infections**: these are sometimes difficult to cure because the bacteria are deeply embedded in the animal's skin with some of them coming from insect bites or from the animal having scratched himself attracts other bacteria into the infected area. Generally they are treated with antibiotics or products such as Banixx.

**Scratches:** these are often a combination of bacterial infections or fungal invasions. They may develop from the dirty conditions in which the animal lives or from exposure to humidity and mud.

All of the situations described above can be treated and can take time. For that, see below a selection of appropriate products.

Products from multiple sources/Over-the counter	Other products and antibiotics
Chlorhexidine shampoo from First priority , Vedco	Orvus Paste Concentrate
Betadine Solution and Povidone solution, Triodine from	Pramosoothe Spray
First Priority or Scarlex from Farnam	
Vetericyn Spray	Vetericyn VF
MycroTek Shampoo from Eqyss	Leather Therapy products