



HOOF TRIMMING GEAR

In this catalogue we have selected a range of tools especially for the owner trimmer, perfect to have in your store.

Our tools are selected for ease of use, durability and suitability for barefoot trimming.

All of our products are designed or selected by a master farrier and are “road tested” to ensure they are suited to tough Australian hooves.

Who is the barefoot blacksmith ?

Andrew Bowe is a career master farrier who specializes in the barefoot rehabilitation of horses that are either suffering from chronic lameness or are simply not performing as well as they should be. He works in conjunction with veterinarians and equine body therapists.

With many years of experience (with both traditional shoeing and barefooting), he is often called to help with those horses that are a challenge to return to soundness or transition from shod to barefoot performance.

Andrew also spends a large amount of his time educating both owner trimmers and aspiring professional trimmers. In the 2009-2010 financial year Andrew conducted 52 well attended owner trimmer workshops.

He is one of the lecturers for the Diploma of Equine Podiotherapy which commenced in early 2008 and is a highly sought after course producing "specialists" in the field of rehabilitative natural hoof care.

Qualifications: Certified Master Farrier, Degree in Applied Science, Cert IV Training & Assessment, RVL licensed racetrack farrier and one of the main lecturers in Diploma of Equine Podiotherapy course.

Why buy our tools ?

Affordable

We have what you have been looking for mid range quality tools that are easy to use.

The cheaper version of tools is of lower quality, chunkier, harder to use and in some instances dangerous. There are some top quality tools that are out of the price range for most horseowners.

Some rasps, nippers and hoof knives on the market are not easy to use, therefore horseowners find the job too difficult and there are no repeat sales for you.

Industry experience

Andrew has been in the farrier industry for 23 years and even has a family history of tool development. Every day he is not teaching he is out in the industry as an equine Podiotherapist testing and trialing new and existing tools. He designed the trimmers apron, tool bag, loop knives and wire brush hoof pick that we offer you in our catalogue.

He also has many students and graduates in the equine hoof care industry using and testing tools. Our product range is always evolving and we are constantly seeking to improve products in quality and value for money.

Ease of use

Our tools give horseowners confidence as they are easy to use. Therefore they continue coming back to purchase rasps and maintain their horse's feet themselves.

Replacement guarantee

We pride ourselves on customer care and if you have any returns of problems we will see to replacements immediately. We understand about customer satisfaction and "word of mouth" in the industry.

Industry change

The hoofcare industry is changing and horseowners are seeking to further their knowledge of equine hoofcare. That well worn cliché "no foot no horse" has been around for a very long time.

Horses are no longer just for work in Australia, they are "play things" and "pets". They are part of the family and people are seeking more knowledge themselves about their loved pets rather than always relying on outside knowledge. There also seem to be more horses and fewer farriers around some horseowners are forced to take over the hoof care due to low availability of farriers.

You would have noticed there is a trend to more alternative therapies in the horse industry as in the human industry. Many equine retail stores have sold more herbs and hoof boots in recent times.

Latest scientific research has proven that horses stay sounder for longer if their hooves are managed in Dynamic equilibrium – the same form – so they function the way they have evolved to. Hence the 3 weekly maintenance trim.

For more info: www.barehoofcare.com

LOOP KNIVES What is a loop knife ? It is two one sided knives put into one. It is **easier and safer to use than the one sided knives**. Loop knives are gaining universal acceptance as the tool of choice for maintaining the sole and frog in the quest for healthy hooves.



YELLOW - Medium blade. **Our biggest seller**. Ideal for owner trimmers, yet still quite suitable for professional trimmers.



GREEN - Small blade. Ideal for maintaining the sole and frog of little feet. It is also very useful for maintaining the leading edge of hoof wall problems such as seedy toe cavities and hoof cracks.



RED - Large blade. Robust construction for heavy duty work. This knife is ideal for bigger feet and is especially suited for large or overgrown frogs.

RASPS & HANDLE - These quality rasps are tried and tested by many farriers and trimmers. They are selected for consistency, sharpness and durability.



BELLOTTA RASP - Spanish made and designed for rasping the hard feet, so common in Australia. Very efficient at hoof cutting; not overly aggressive and leave a good finish. They are long lasting (making them quite economical) and are popular with professional trimmers.



BASSOLI FARRIER RASP - In our search for an even better rasp we have started importing the Bassoli brand. These are a top quality product; sharp and long lasting. Made in Italy. The Bassoli Farrier rasp is very efficient at hoof cutting and leaves an excellent finish.



RASP HANDLES - These small handles are still the ergonomically best shape for rasp work, they are suited to small to medium hands. They are a good starting option for beginner trimmers; easy to grip for those trimmers who are still finding their way with a hoof trimming rasp.

WIRE BRUSH HOOPICK

This new ergonomic hoof pick is made by us up to a standard and not down to a price. People use hoof picks daily, they need quality and functionality. **Why not buy our own revolutionary design?**



The pick is very strong steel and will not bend easily. The handle is ergonomic and easy to grip. The curve in the handle and angle of the pick gives you maximum leverage. The wire brush is very effective for cleaning the hoof prior to trimming, therefore saving the edge on your tools.

NIPPERS

Finally there is a good quality nipper at a mid range price! These nippers are a breakthrough for price and quality. They are made of steel that is remarkably durable for the price you pay and are finished with a blade that is sharp enough to provide easy cutting for most feet



12" - Our quality 12"nippers have been tried and tested, they are very easy to use and cut well. Ideal for both professional and owner trimmers.



15" - These 15" nippers are well suited for general work and are especially good for trimmers with large hooves and less power. The long handles give the trimmer more power through torque. These 15" nippers are well suited for general work and are especially good for trimmers with large hooves and less power. The long handles give the trimmer more power through torque.

PROTECTIVE GEAR



Tool Bag - Care for your valuable tools with this handy tool roll that has a pocket for everything. It also doubles as a zip up carry bag that can be hung up to stay dry. Tools not included.



PROTECTIVE GEAR ...continued

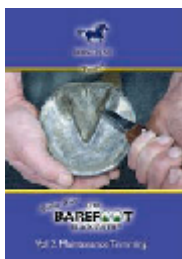


Cordura Apron - Finally! A protective apron that has been developed specifically for hoof trimmers. This design is the end result of many years of fine tuning, offering both comfort and protection. Cordura is waterproof, medium weight and hard wearing material. This apron is built for comfort, shaped for easy bending at the hips. It is snug fitting and not bulky. Made of double cordura with trimmed edges and leather re-enforcing patches around areas of high wear. Comes with velcro fastening leg straps, essential for quick removal. Leather patches protect vital areas! Easy to put on and remove, with two handy pockets for carrying a hoof pick and loop knife.

EDUCATIONAL PRODUCTS — Hoof Trimming DVD

You can give your horse the best possible hoofcare with maintenance trimming - a quick trim every two weeks. This keeps their hooves in a functional framework at all times and is the key to healthy strong feet, barefoot performance and long term soundness.

Detailed instructions for step by step trimming, horse handling and tool use.



This DVD teaches basic maintenance trimming for horse owners - a simple but effective way to mimic the trimming regime that horses evolved with and are best suited to. Subjects covered (separated into chapters for easy reference) - Safe horse handling for trimming - Basic recipe for maintenance trimming - Correct use of trimming tools.

TRIMMING KIT



All the tools horse owners need to maintain their horses' hooves in between professional hoof care practitioners visiting. Available in yellow or pink and includes: 12" nippers with plastic coated handles, medium loop knife, wire brush strong hoof pick, coarse loop knife sharpener, Bassoli farrier rasp and push on handle

SHARPENING KIT



Essentials for good management of hoof knives. Set of three sharpeners includes a course cutting round file, a medium flat diamond grit file and a tapered round diamond grit file for fine work and sharpening the tips of loop knives.



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