

Tail Tamers Belly Balm

- * **Thick balm protects tender underbellies from hot weather irritants**
- * **Thick, rich consistency acts as a barrier**
- * **Contains soothing aloe vera, citronella, and other natural ingredients to repel biting insects**

Belly Balm's thick formula coats the underbelly area and does not sweat off as quickly as sprays. Smooth, beneficial ointment provides a protective barrier from summer irritants and pests, with its combination of ingredients that ward off insects. Gel-like salve contains soothing aloe vera to help heal bites in tender underbelly areas. Belly Balm's thick consistency forms a barrier against biting insects using natural ingredients such as peppermint, eucalyptus, cedar, and citronella.

Smooth Belly Balm under belly or on tips of ears to repel gnats and bothersome, disease-carrying insects. Lanolin-based balm also helps hold vital moisture in the skin, while Vitamin E supports skin health. Pleasant aroma. Made in the USA.

Ingredients: Beeswax, Lanolin Oil, Apple Extract, Eucalyptus Oil, Cedarwood Oil, Citronella Oil, Vitamin E Acetate, Aloe Vera Oil.

Controlling insects around your horse

At their most basic, flies, mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects are a nuisance to you and your horse. But even the annoyance of just a few insects has resulted in some serious equine injuries. Horses have barreled through pasture fences to escape a swarm of mosquitoes. Hooves have been injured due to continual stomping in response to a few pesky flies. Normal feeding habits have been interrupted and serious cases of colic have ensued.

Worse, many insects are carriers of potentially serious diseases. Flies are known to transmit typhoid, dysentery, and tuberculosis. Mosquitoes carry West Nile Virus and equine encephalitis. Ticks can spread Lyme disease. True, some insect-borne diseases have no effect on your horse. However, they can affect you and your family.

Because of their resilience, insect control may seem like a daunting task. However, working to eliminate suitable insect habitats, control the environment around your barn and pasture, and individually protect your horse will offer the best protection possible.

Here are three helpful tips to help you control insects around your horse:

1. Prevention

Most insects thrive in barns and pastures. Flies flourish in moist, dirty manure piles. Mosquitoes relish standing water in troughs and buckets. Ticks seek longer pasture grasses. It makes sense then that one way to control most species of insects is to eliminate the locations in which they find refuge.

2. Reduce Exposure

Some insects travel great distances to find food. Unfortunately, this means flies, mosquitoes, gnats, and other pests could invade your barn, pasture, and home, even if they do not inhabit the immediate area. However, there are a variety of perimeter sprays, traps, and control techniques you can use to kill and repel these traveling nuisances.

Protect Individual Horses

Insects are nothing if not resilient. Despite your best efforts to eliminate fly, mosquito, and insect habitats and control the environment throughout your barn, pasture, and home, insects may still annoy your horse. Plus, chances are your horse spends at least some time on the riding trail or at competitions, which are far away from the areas in which you've worked to control insects.