

Gizmos, Gadgets and Must-Haves

Tack Stores Tell Us Their Faves For Riders, Horses and Barn

By Another Turn Tack, The Saddlery, and The Tack Box

Horse Times asked our tack shops which items in their stores are their most highly recommended, and what items they carry that you might not even know you need, but do! Here's what they had to say (happy shopping):

The Tack Box, Middleburg, VA

Epona Grooming Tools: We love this line of products, particularly the Epona Flexible Curry (the name says it all), the Wood Curry Brush, the Tiger Tongue Sponge, and the Horsetwash Glove (perfect for show days to keep your shirt dry). They are made in the USA too!



Tredstep Parkland Boots: We love these boots because they are a perfect crossover. They are so stylish you don't even have to change to go to town after being at the farm and/or riding!!

ABC Organic Garlic: Use as a daily equine feed supplement. It has many valuable health benefits, but the number one reason our barn swears by it is for tick protection.



Plughz Sound Off Ear Nets: For horses that need a little help keeping focused on their job, these classically designed ear nets have sound reducing fabric lining the ears. They have a space on them for custom embroidery or a monogram.

RJ Classics Lauren Show Shirt: This pullover shirt updates the traditional show style. It's conservative enough to wear in the show ring, and nice enough to wear out to dinner. It's perfect for hot and sunny days as it offers UPF 50 sun protection, with wicking fabric and mesh panels for maximum comfort all day.

Finntack Ice Wrap (Pair): Ice boots are essential in every barn, and these are the easiest most convenient pair on the market. They are made of durable fabric and easy to use because of the four straps to secure each wrap. Keep them in the freezer at the barn, or in an ice cooler at a show. They've even come in handy icing human body parts on occasion :o)



Hands on Gloves: Yes, they are a great deshedder but our horses love them because grooming time becomes a massage session. Your horse will let you know where they itch the most!

Another Turn Tack, Purcellville, VA

Jupiter Tall Boots by Tonics: If you're in the market for tall riding boots, our number 1 choice is the beautifully designed Jupiter Tall Boot by Tonics. This is the most comfortable tall boot we've ever seen. It feels more like wearing a sneaker. The zipper arches around the rider's leg and takes away the typical stress points, so no more broken zippers. It's made from amazing high-quality smooth leather. This is our #1 boot for 2019.

Kevin Bacon's Hoof Dressing: This is the number one product choice of our professional farrier clientele. (It's not named for the actor Kevin Bacon but the international show jumper Kevin Bacon.) We frequently hear customers tell us their farrier told them to come get this hoof dressing.



Horseware Air MK2 Competition Jacket: Hunter and dressage riders are loving this jacket. This lightweight, washable, show jacket feels like a second skin. Think of how many July and August don't waive coats. This coat solves the problem. It's breathable and allows for airflow. The four-way stretch fabric moves with you. Come on ladies you know you need this! You will look beautiful!



Halter fuses or breakaway parts: These are "must haves" for everyone. They are \$2.99, which is better than buying a new halter. Or if you buy a non-breakaway halter, you can easily add one of these to it.

Ecolicious Glossy Gloss Enhancing Coat Tonic: Our eventers say this is the best product ever. It's packed full of essential fatty acids and vitamin E from organic hemp oil that penetrate deep into the coat hair (we're talking the good fats here) for the ultimate show sheen. It conditions, nourishes, moisturizes and adds gloss. This is the product that is taking the FEI eventers by storm.

Epona Tiger's Tongue Horse Groomer: A flexible scrubber that cleans deeply embedded dirt and dung from your horse's coat. Just like the magical quality of a cat's tongue, it wipes away caked dirt and dander without creating dust clouds. It cleans white leg markings, erases dried sweat marks, and cleans and buffs hoof walls. It can be used wet or dry. We've been giving these away as gifts and people love them.



The colorful utility hook: Take it anywhere, and have a bucket hanger, blanket rack or bridle hook on the fly. We use it at the barn to organize blankets per horse; Jewels gets purple, Sedona gets green and so on. Super handy.



The Saddlery, Great Falls, VA

The new Charles Owen AYR8 Plus helmet: Classics like Charles Owen never go out of style but they do get updated. To keep our customers safe, we're recommending the new Charles Owen AYR8 Plus with a removable and washable drape headband. The AYR8 Plus incorporates all the newest safety standards you've come to trust from Charles Owen and it's now available in both a regular and round fit.

Mac in a Sac Rain Jackets: It's a rare summer when you're not caught in a downpour at least once or twice at the show grounds. These highly waterproof, breathable and lightweight ponchos are easily packed away into compact, travel friendly bags and come in fun colors.

Dreamers & Schemers Boot Socks: Our top selling boot socks have a lightly padded, sweat wicking cotton foot that adds comfort but won't affect the fit of your boots. The top of the foot and the leg are thin and durable and the black cuff ensures that no one will see your socks if your boots slip down in the show ring (but you'll want to show off the ridiculously adorable patterns around the barn).



Lucky Braids Shampoo: This mildly-scented shampoo produces a great lather and we found it solves many skin problems, too. Itchy skin, stains, and dry skin all improved when we used this shampoo. This shampoo doesn't strip the coat's natural oils, it rinses easily with little water, and it's concentrated, making it economical as well.



Betty's Best StripHair Gentle Groomer: This is a gentle yet effective multi-purpose tool that can be used in place of a blade, a brush, a curry, a bathing mitt, a water/sweat scraper and a massage tool. Remove dirt, dander and loose hair using the grippy Gentle Grooming Edge feature and curry dried mud, loosen shedding hair and lather shampoo using the large and small diamond features. The StripHair Gentle Groomer is safe to use on your horse's face and legs. This multi-purpose tool will take

up less room in your ringside bucket at shows.

Ecovet Fly Spray: This repellent is made from naturally-derived, food-grade fatty acids -- we like the fact that it's natural and doesn't contain the toxic pesticides in many other repellents. We've been using it and feel it works to keep flies from landing on our horses (not to mention biting them).

Equifit Horse Boots: We carry both the Original and D-Teq versions of these top-of-the-line protective boots for horses. Their innovative materials and design make them the best. We can order customize D-Teq boots as well. Come on in to the Saddlery to see the many options!



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