



and lengths. RRP: £65 - £73.

#### Boots:

Many people use boots on their horses and, with a new horse, it could very well pay off. Boots can help guard against injury whether this is inflicted through the horse's way of going or a spook as a result of something 'terrifying' in a hedge.

There are lots of different types of boot available. For riding on the roads and travelling, knee boots can be very effective, for showjumping, tendon boots are always popular, but, for an all round protective boot that covers the horse's lower legs, brushing boots seem to be the best option.

#### *I tried and tested Clarendon's Work Boots.*

These are made from a tough leatherette outer, soft fur inner, and have a layer of high impact foam between the two. They are available in a range of sizes and in four different colours.

I found the boots very easy to fit and use, and they fitted my horse well. I used them for lunging as well as riding and found that they didn't slip and covered his leg well to offer him the maximum protection. Another huge benefit of these boots was how easy they were to care for. Just wash on a cool wash, allow to drip dry and they look as good as new. RRP of £29.95 per pair.

Of course, another area where boots and protection really can pay off is when travelling. When you go and get your new horse, or when you go off to shows, it is really important that you've thought about protecting your horse as well as possible for his journey. Even horses who are excellent travellers can bang hocks, knees and docks in transit, stand on their own feet and coronet bands when trying to balance and, all in all, cause themselves a good few injuries.

There are few trains of thought on the 'best' protection for travelling. Some people bandage their horse's legs with stable bandages and then use knee and hock boots to protect these vulnerable areas. This is often accompanied by a tail bandage on the horse's dock. There is nothing wrong with this at all,



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