

# HORSE MAIL MARCH 08

## Equi-N-ice Rapid Cooler Rug

**They say:** Controls the rate of coolant evaporation giving hours of cooling, and is quick, efficient and ideal for use post race, after exercise and in hot conditions.

£89.95  
www.belstane.com  
01335 372600

**Tracey says:**

I have always done my best to look after my horses' bodies, especially after an event or when I have done heavy hard training with them at home. I normally use a brace/coolant when washing them off after hard work, to help the body recover after being exerted to such a high level.

I tested the rug whilst training my youngster. I took him schooling over some knock-down cross-country fences - he worked really hard and got very hot and sweaty. As this is all new to him, his body (as well as mind) gets tired quickly. His body is not yet used to coping with the demands of cross-country, so I thought it was ideal to test

the rug before the season, to see what I think.

As soon as I finished the training I washed him down then applied the rug. It was easy to use, and after just 10 minutes he seemed to have cooled down and was comfortable again, to get ready to travel home. When I checked him the next day for soundness and stiffness, he was fine - fresh as a daisy!

As with the bandages I also tested, the only negative comment is the price of the coolant. One litre is £22.95 so I would probably only use this at events when the body has worked its hardest, as opposed to training at home.

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We have one of these fantastic Rugs to give away. If you'd like to win it, simply tick the relevant box on our competition entry form on page 85, and return to us by 10th March.



## Polly Products Funnell Mesh Cooler Rug

**They say:** Made from a light, but strong mesh fabric that does not distort or stretch when wet. Ideal for use after bathing or when travelling, used alone or under another rug, and will dry a sweaty horse.

£32.99  
01636 636135

**Tracy P says:**

I tested this rug out on my ex-polo pony that I haven't had clipped for various reasons this season.

After a long weekend ride she came back very sweaty and hot. As we all know, this time of the year can be a nightmare when trying to cool our horses off safely, but this rug did the job brilliantly.

It fitted her perfectly around the neck and shoulders, and is made from a high quality material with equally good fittings.

It didn't feel like it would lose its shape, and I think it would be an asset to any horse's wardrobe. I would highly recommend this rug to anyone, for its great fit, high quality and most importantly for its ability to achieve its purpose.

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