

Advantages & Disadvantages of Hoof Trimming

Advantages

1. Prevent foot rot and lameness
2. Prevent overgrowth of the hoof.
3. Decrease susceptibility to harboring of bacteria.
4. Maintain hoof health.
5. Prevent mobility issues.
6. Removing dead/ diseased horn and other tissue to promote growth of new horn.
7. Improvement on animal welfare.

Disadvantages

1. Poor trimming procedure can potentially lead to lameness.
2. Excessive removal of the outer wall of the hoof which can result in white line disease.
3. Excessive trimming of the heel of the inner claw or rear can cause the soles to be worn if the animal is on concrete.
4. Can inflict pain/ discomfort to the animal if not properly restrained.