

On Friday December 31, 2010 \*\*\*\*\* wrote:

Hi,

We switched our bedding from shavings to Guardian about one month ago. We have a 28 year old Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse gelding, a 23 year old Sicilian donkey and the problem child, a 4 year old Spanish-Norman gelding. We have no trouble with our other two stalls, but Seamus' is always wet!

The stalls are 10 x 10 and are mats over concrete. We started out with 4 bags in the two horse stalls and 2 bags in the donkey's stall (which is smaller). Since the Spanish-Norman's stall is so much wetter I'm wondering if you think we should start from scratch and put in 6 bags instead of the 4?

We add a bag to the donkey's stall once every two weeks and his looks like it is new all the time. Shasta's (the TB/QH cross) is pretty much the same. We add 2 bags to Seamus' each week, but his is always very wet.

I would appreciate any suggestions! We absolutely love the Guardian and wish we had done it years ago!!!

Thank you so much,

New Hampshire customer

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On Mon, Jan 3, 2011 at 1:14 PM, Jon Brant <[jbrant@guardianhorsebedding.com](mailto:jbrant@guardianhorsebedding.com)> wrote:

Hello, \*\*\*\*\*.

Thank you for your note.

I concur with your solution of starting with 6 bags in your young horse's stall. Typically, you would add at least 2 bags/wk. I think the most common error folks make when using the pellets is not starting with enough to have a really nice, thick foundation. It will always seem like you need more if you don't.

As you know, there are no "hard and fast" rules to barn management. Horses are as individual as we are and so are their habits. So, your youngster may urinate more than his stable mates and therefore requires a bit more bedding to manage the additional moisture. Sounds like you've all ready got it figured out, to me.

Let me offer up a suggestion that some of our customers have offered up to me...do an initial bedding in a stripped stall with the pellets. However, use Guardian Swift Pick Shavings to "top-dress" the pellet foundation.

The reason I suggest this is that pellets tend to be more expensive than Swift Pick, and the anecdotal evidence that has been offered to me is this method extends the use of the pellets. So, perhaps there may be a balance here between the two that accomplishes the dual objective of keeping the stall clean and dry, and extending the use of the pellets.

Thank you so much for your kind words. We developed our products over the years as horse people doing our daily chores. I enjoy conversations with fellow horsemen and hearing their experiences and suggestions for improvement.

By the way, if you have house cats, you must try using the pellets as kitty litter. It works terrifically well. So well, that we are introducing a line of cat and small animal litter in the next few weeks.

Thanks again for contacting us, and your interest in Guardian Horse Bedding. Please send me a mailing address so I can send you a gift.

I wish you all the best \*\*\*\*\*,

Sincerely,

Jon Brant

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**From:** New Hampshire customer

**Sent:** Monday, January 03, 2011 2:16 PM

**To:** Jon Brant

**Subject:** Re:

Hi Jon,

Thank you so much for your reply! You are absolutely right, it appears we should have started with the six. Since we did that, his stall looks wonderful!

Thank you for the tip - that sounds like a great idea and we'll give that a try if we run into any problems.

Your product speaks for itself Jon, although I have told everyone I know and several of our friends are switching over. It is a bit more expensive than shavings, but so much worth it with the savings in time and manure disposal as well as the comfort for the horses. They love it! I saw that some of the testimonials were for cats, I can see how it would work well for cats and other small animals. Right now we just have a Pembroke Welsh Corgi and a Chow Chow, but I surely will keep it in mind if we should get a cat in future. I did share that information with my friends who have cats though and they are very excited about trying it. I'll tell them to hold on though til your new product is out!

How sweet of you to send a gift - you don't need to do that! Our mailing address is:

\*\*\*\*\* If you are sending via UPS, etc. it would be to our physical address

which is: \*\*\*\*\*

Wishing you a most successful, happy new year!!

Take care Jon,

\*\*\*\*\* from New Hampshire