

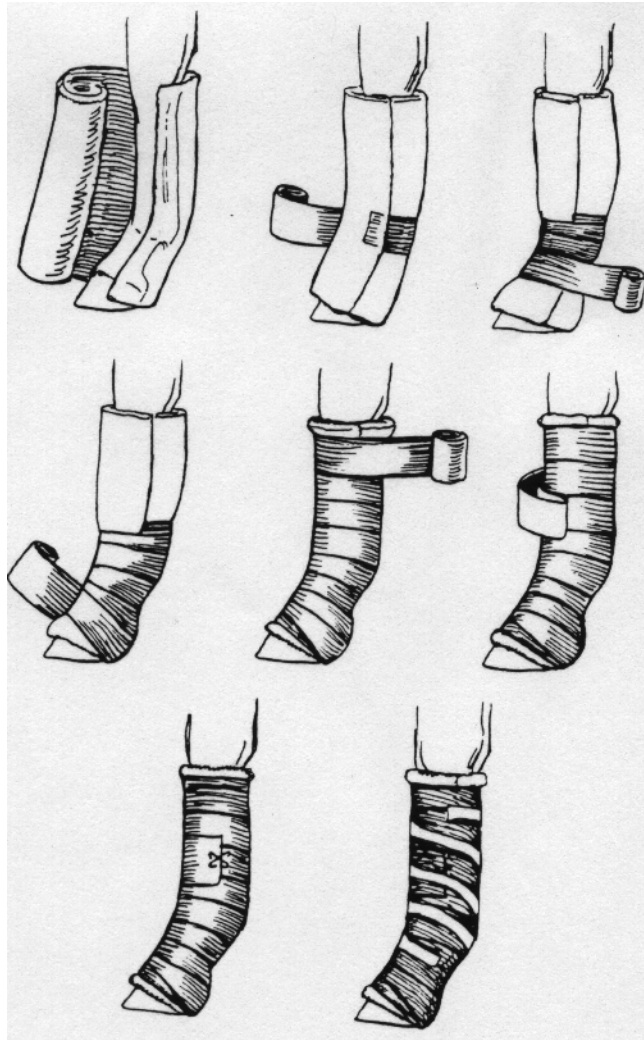
SHIPPING BANDAGES

A shipping bandage protects the lower leg, coronary band, and the heels during travel. Protection is needed because a horse can step on his own feet, strike his legs against the trailer, or be kicked by another mount.

A shipping bandage must cover the heels and coronary band, pastern, fetlock joint, and tendons, to the base of the knee or hock. It must be well padded, firm, and snug, but never excessively tight. You should be able to slip two fingers under the bandage.

Shipping bandages must be fastened securely, as they can trip a horse if they are applied too loosely and slip down. They must be fastened on the outside of the leg so that the horse cannot pull the fastening loose if he should strike the inside of the leg with his opposite hoof.

Shipping bandages can be flannel, polyester knit, or cotton, 12 to 16 feet long. The leg pads should long enough to cover the leg from knee or hock to the ground. **NEVER** put on bandages without leg pads!



Steps in Applying a Shipping Bandage