

# Thrush

## To defeat thrush:

1. Clean and trim the hoof. Soak each regular sized hoof in 2.5dl Colloidal Silver over night (once is usually enough). 30 minutes soaking usually kills all the thrush in about 50% of the hooves, 2 hour soaking - 75% and 5 hour soaking - 95%. Use a soaking boot or a sturdy plastic bag. Colloidal silver can not be reused.  
The soreness caused by the thrush should disappear in three days after the treatment and then the hoof will then start exfoliating sole in the back part of the hoof to lower its heels to regain ground contact for the frog.
2. Get the frog to work. Trim the hoof wall down to the level of the sole. If the frog still don't get ground contact use frog pads in boots. Without good frog pressure the thrush will always come back.
3. Remove all grain, molasses and other sweet feed from the horses diet and elongate the horse's eating time (see inspirational pictures on "Feeding" at [www.SwedishHoofSchool.com](http://www.SwedishHoofSchool.com)).
4. A lot of exercise and a dry, clean paddock also helps.

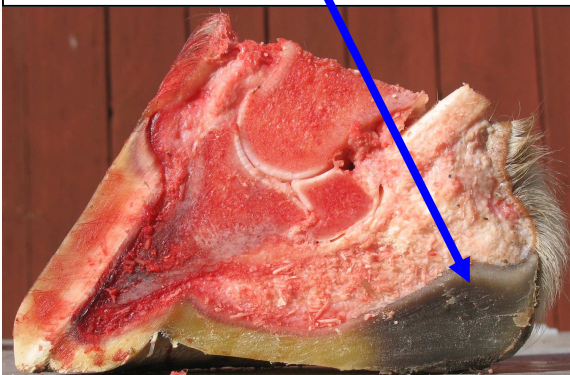
Treating with colloidal silver or any other solution does not necessarily create any visible change of the looks of the tissue. It can not mend a destroyed horn material. What we are looking for is a change of stand, changes in movements, disappearance of soreness and exfoliating of sole material. This kind of effects is usually visible within three days after soaking in colloidal silver. The treatment does not make the horse sound it only reduces the symptom and creates a window of opportunity for the horse to take care of the problem. In this case frog pressure, exercise and low blood sugar levels are what is going to do the trick.



If the hoof looks anything like these two pictures above on the outside the frog probably looks like the picture below on the inside.



A healthy frog.



An almost perfect frog.



No thrush.

