

TOE INJURY

Poor Miley – her toe was stepped on by a horse! Luckily she didn't have any broken bones, but her tissue was badly damaged. This is a good example of a wound that has to heal by "second intention," meaning that there isn't enough tissue for us to suture back together, so her body had to fill in missing paw pad tissue on its own. With a wound like this, it's important for us to control her pain and to prevent infection. We cleaned the area thoroughly, and sent Miley home with pain medication and antibiotics. Miley's owner protected the healing toe with bandages that she changed every day. She also applied raw honey to the wound daily during the initial stages of healing. The honey helps to discourage bacterial growth and it also promotes healing. 2 weeks later she was back to normal!

