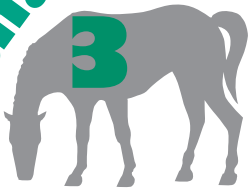


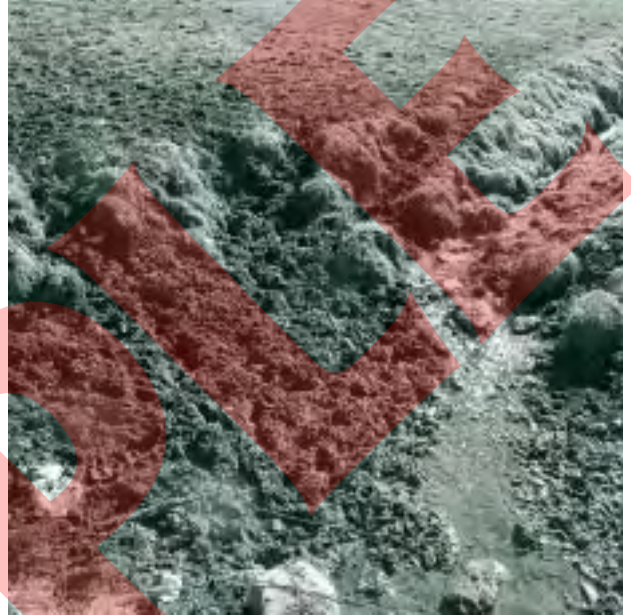
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## Tackling Mud

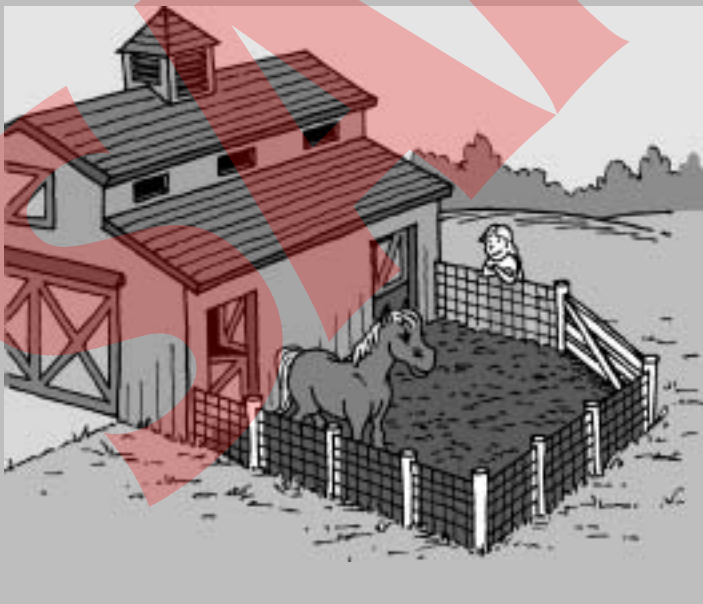
### How do you keep your horse's pasture from getting muddy?

During the winter the grass in your pastures stops growing. If horses keep grazing when the grass isn't growing, eventually most of the grass will be gone. When the grass is gone, all that's left is bare dirt. And what happens to that dirt when it rains? It turns to mud, of course!



### Mud Stopper

#### Create a Winter Paddock



Instead of giving your horse access to the entire pasture during the winter when grass isn't growing, put your horse in a winter paddock. By using a winter paddock your horse will still have a chance to get outside without damaging your pastures. A winter paddock is also sometimes called a coral, pen, confinement area, or sacrifice area. Horses should be confined to the winter paddock for most of the winter and early spring.