

## Looking after your Melcourt Equisorb® bed

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**Melcourt Equisorb® is not like any other bedding. We strongly recommend you follow these suggestions to get the very best from your Melcourt Equisorb® bed.**

### 1. Putting down your Melcourt Equisorb® bed

- On a solid floor with no rubber matting 12' x 12' (nobanks) – 7-8 bales
  - Empty the bales on floor, carefully tread down, add water if preferred to establish as firm a base to the bed as possible.
  - The bed will move a little initially but will settle in 7-10 days.
  - Settled depth needs to be 8" or 20cms
- On rubber matting 12' x 12' 5-7 bales
  - Aim to cover at least half the total area to a depth of 6"-8".
  - The bed will settle well in 7-10 days but must have a good depth in order to absorb the wet.
  - Brushing the rubber matting up to the bed line will give the bed a firm edge

### 2. Changing over to Melcourt Equisorb® from existing bedding

Straw bed – remove all the straw.

Shavings or hemp bed – if clean, top up with Melcourt Equisorb® until the original bed has gone. The full benefits of Melcourt Equisorb® will not be apparent until the old bed has gone.

### 3. Managing your Melcourt Equisorb® bed

- Remove droppings regularly with rubber gloves or fork.
- Droppings will become easier to remove as the bed becomes established.
- Only remove wet material once or twice a week topping up with sides or banks, and then top up sides with fresh material.
- Use a bedding fork to rake over surface to give the bed a fresh, level, finish.
- Disturb the under part of the bed as little as possible.

**Melcourt Equisorb® is a high performance bedding material and as such needs care to maximise its benefits for both horse and owner.**



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