

# SORE QUICKS

It is difficult to treat sore quicks if they are inflamed and oozing a discharge of pus or serum.

However, applying a drying spray such as a mixture of condy's crystals at the rate of 1 teaspoon per 200ml of boiled water, will help to dry the discharges and harden the skin around the sore quick.

Flushing the quicks with a mixture of 50:50 hydrogen peroxide in water by gently squirting under the cuticles with the tip of a syringe will help to flush out any foreign matter and control bacteria that are a common cause of inflamed quicks.

Depending on the type of antibiotic used and the degree of erosion around the quicks which will allow entry of the antibiotic into the blood, it normally takes from 2-5 days to clear the system.

Products like Friar's Balsam should be used for the last 3-4 days before a race along with hydrogen peroxide flushes to help control the infection in the lead up to a race.

Taping the toes with a small piece of adhesive tape as a ring around the toe nail about 2mm in front of the quicks will help to deflect sand away as the greyhound gallops.