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COMMON SKIN PROBLEM IN FLORIDA HORSES: FLY BITE ALLERGY

CLINICAL SIGNS:

- ❖ Scratching tail head, mane, face, chest, belly and/or ears.
- ❖ Loss of mane and/or tail hair.
- ❖ Loss of hair on the face, chest, belly and/or ears.
- ❖ Evening turnout in pasture.

TREATMENT:

- ❖ Stall horse with fan on them during fly prime feeding time. (Stall at night).
- ❖ Fly mask with ears for horses with those affected areas.
- ❖ Bathe with medicated shampoos 2-3 times a week.
- ❖ Anti itch cream, spray, or ointment applied daily to affected areas.
- ❖ Permethrin based fly spray (2% or greater).
- ❖ Oral or injectable steroids can be used on severe cases.
- ❖ Antibiotics may be needed if there is a secondary bacterial skin infection.

Note: This information provided as a reference ONLY. Please contact your veterinarian for proper diagnosis and additional treatment protocol.