EQUI-CARE
PASTE SHAMPOO

User Manual & Grooming Guide



A practical guide to bathing, coat cleaning, rinsing, and product care.

Prepared using Equi-Care's public product information. Always follow the directions and precautions on the current product label.

1. Product Overview

Equi-Care Paste Shampoo is a concentrated, paste-style shampoo for cleaning a horse's coat. Equi-Care describes the formula as balanced-pH and designed to cleanse without unnecessarily stripping the coat's natural oils. The product listing also describes a rich, foamy lather and easy rinsing.

Product	Equi-Care Paste Shampoo / Balanced Shampoo Gel
Intended use	Routine horse bathing and coat cleaning
Published sizes	The U.S. product listing features a 6.6 lb container; Equi-Care's catalog lists 900 g and 3 kg formats.
Official directions	Wet the horse completely; apply by hand or sponge and rub; leave for 5–10 minutes depending on coat condition; rinse thoroughly.

What this manual covers

• Preparing the horse, wash area, and supplies.

• A clear, step-by-step bathing procedure.

• Rinsing, drying, and post-bath checks.

• Practical troubleshooting and product storage.

• Safety reminders and links to the published product information.

Important: This is a user guide, not a replacement for the product label or veterinary advice. The public product information reviewed for this manual does not provide a full ingredient list, dilution ratio, or a specific frequency-of-use schedule; none is assumed here.

2. Before You Begin

Choose a safe, suitable bathing area

• Use a secure, well-drained area with non-slip footing and a safe place to tie or hold the horse.

• Use water at a comfortable temperature and avoid sudden changes that may startle the horse.

• Keep the horse away from traffic, machinery, and other hazards. Have a competent handler assist if needed.

Gather your supplies

Item	Purpose
Paste Shampoo	Use the product as directed on its current label.
Clean sponge or hands	Equi-Care's directions specify application by hand or sponge.
Water supply and hose	For thoroughly wetting the coat and rinsing all shampoo away.
Sweat scraper / clean towels	Optional tools to help remove excess water after rinsing.
Soft brush and mane/tail comb	Optional for pre-bath grooming and finishing once the horse is comfortable and dry.

Prepare the coat

If the coat is heavily dusty or contains loose debris, gently brush it before bathing when practical. Work carefully around tangles and sensitive areas. Check the skin for cuts, swelling, unusual irritation, or other concerns before applying shampoo.

Use caution around eyes, nostrils, mouth, and other sensitive areas. Do not direct water into the ears or nose. If the horse becomes distressed, stop and make the situation safe.

3. Step-by-Step Bathing Instructions

Follow the manufacturer's published directions: wet completely, apply by hand or sponge, rub, allow 5–10 minutes depending on condition, and rinse thoroughly.

1

Wet the entire coat

Thoroughly wet the horse before applying shampoo. Make sure the coat is evenly wet rather than damp only on the surface.

2

Apply the paste shampoo

Apply the product with your hand or a clean sponge, as directed by Equi-Care. Follow any additional instructions on the current container label.

3

Work it through the coat

Rub gently to distribute the shampoo and build lather. Work in manageable sections so you can clean the coat evenly without rushing.

4

Allow the recommended contact time

Let the shampoo work for 5–10 minutes, depending on the horse's condition, as stated in Equi-Care's published directions. Keep the horse comfortable and do not allow the product to dry on the coat.

5

Rinse completely

Rinse thoroughly until shampoo and visible lather are removed. Pay attention to thick hair, the underside, and other areas where residue can remain.

6

Remove excess water and dry safely

Use a sweat scraper where appropriate, then allow the horse to dry in a safe, comfortable area. Avoid chilling the horse; consider weather, airflow, and the horse's condition.

7

Finish and inspect

Once the coat is dry, brush as needed. Check the skin and coat for any unusual redness, itching, or discomfort.

4. Rinsing, Drying & Finishing

Rinsing checklist

• Rinse the whole horse methodically, moving from one section to the next.

• Check dense areas of hair and places where suds can collect.

• Continue rinsing until the water runs clear and no visible lather or slippery shampoo residue remains.

• Avoid spraying directly into the eyes, nostrils, mouth, or ears.

Drying checklist

• Remove excess water with a suitable sweat scraper, using care around bony or sensitive areas.

• Keep the horse in a safe area while drying. Do not leave a wet horse standing in cold wind or uncomfortable conditions.

• Use clean towels where appropriate, particularly around the face and other areas that should not be scraped.

• Once dry, brush the coat and mane/tail as needed.

How often should I bathe?

The official product information reviewed for this manual does not specify a fixed bathing schedule. Choose frequency based on the horse's workload, coat condition, weather, and skin needs. Avoid unnecessary over-washing, and consult your veterinarian if the horse has persistent skin irritation or a diagnosed skin condition.

Can I use more shampoo for a deeper clean?

Do not assume that using extra product or leaving it on longer will improve results. Follow the current container label and the published 5–10 minute contact time; rinse thoroughly.

5. Troubleshooting

The coat still looks dirty after washing

Check whether the coat was fully wet before application and whether the shampoo was distributed evenly. For stubborn, localized stains, use only a product specifically intended for that purpose and follow its label. Do not scrub hard enough to irritate the skin.

There is still lather or residue

Continue rinsing. Recheck thick hair, the underside, and other areas where shampoo can collect. Thorough rinsing is part of the manufacturer's directions.

The horse reacts or appears uncomfortable

Stop the bath, rinse off product if safe to do so, and move the horse to a secure area. Check for skin redness, swelling, or other signs of irritation. Seek veterinary advice if symptoms persist, are severe, or involve the eyes.

The product has changed appearance or smell

Do not use a product that appears contaminated or significantly changed. Check the packaging and contact Equi-Care for product-specific advice.

The coat becomes irritated after bathing

Rinse thoroughly if any residue may remain and stop using the product until the cause is understood. Contact a veterinarian for persistent or worsening signs.

Safety reminders

• For external use on the horse's coat as directed; do not ingest.

• Avoid contact with eyes and mucous membranes. If accidental eye contact occurs, rinse carefully with clean water and seek veterinary advice if irritation continues.

• Keep the container closed when not in use and keep it out of reach of children and animals that might ingest it.

• Do not mix the shampoo with other chemicals or grooming products in the container.

• Follow any warnings and first-aid instructions printed on the product label; the label takes precedence over this guide.

6. Storage & Product Care

Equi-Care’s published catalog says to store the paste shampoo in a cool, dry place. Keep the lid securely closed between uses, prevent water or grooming debris from entering the container, and avoid prolonged exposure to heat or direct sunlight. Check the package for any additional storage instructions or expiration information.

Quick reference

Before bathing	Secure area; safe footing; brush loose debris; check the skin; prepare clean sponge and rinse water.
Apply	Wet the horse completely; apply by hand or sponge; rub gently to distribute.
Contact time	5–10 minutes depending on the horse’s condition, according to published Equi-Care directions.
Rinse	Rinse thoroughly until visible lather and residue are gone.
Store	Keep closed in a cool, dry place; follow the current package label.

Product information and sources

The following public sources were consulted to prepare this guide:

Equi-Care official U.S. product listing: Shampoo Paste 6.6 lb. Includes the product description and directions for use. https://equi-care.com/products/shampoo-6-6lb

Equi-Care published catalog (English/Spanish): lists the paste shampoo description, directions, available sizes, and cool/dry storage guidance. https://equi-care.com.ar/docs/equi-care-catalogo-es-en.pdf

Equi-Care official website: https://equi-care.com/

Document note: This manual summarizes publicly available information and adds general horse-bathing practices. It is not an official manufacturer-issued document. Product packaging and current label instructions should always be checked before use.