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## Top Tips To Fight Boredom!

Surviving winter is all about preparation and advance planning!

Our favourite quote that reminds us of its importance is:-

*"fail to plan and you plan to fail"*

This applies to our competition preparation but also for surviving the sudden onset of bad winter weather.

Our top tips for surviving the winter are:-

1. Early November—go shopping! Indulge a little in some essential stable toys such as lik it's or rock n roll ball—there are so many different flavours to choose from—your horse is bound to love at least one!



Some good websites to try out include:-

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk) or [www.yourhorse.co.uk](http://www.yourhorse.co.uk)

2. Late November—buy in a couple of big bags of Readi grass or equivalent. We love this product when slightly soaked to remove any dust, then fluffed up by hand and served in a big deep bucket. It's great for breaking up the day for a horse stable bound or on box rest. Let's face it there is nothing more worrying than when a horse won't eat his hay. Readi-grass should help to relieve such 'hay-boredom'.

## Must Buy's This Winter...

Keeping warm is obviously the 'modus operandi' during the winter months for you and your horse or pony. Half the battle lies in keeping dry.

Surely the best winter purchase we have found so far this winter is the totally waterproof equestrian gloves made of **seal skin!** They are the ultimate—you can literally immerse your hands in a bucket of water and feel nothing! Give it a try. You would expect to pay around £29 a pair. While in the mood to shop—they have socks and hats too!



Now, many of us are avid Ariat, Mark Todd or Kentucky clothes supporters. Nothing wrong with that! Don't forget that when it comes to warmth its worth considering non equestrian brands too. Our favourite for the last three winters is the range of coats, jackets and fleece offered by North Face. Many of which are short enough in the body to be able to ride in and so snug you'll need little else!



Our absolute pick of winter is this north face ice jacket at around £200.00

When budgets are tight, don't forget to keep an eye on M&S. Last winter we stocked up on thin polo necks in black for £20 each

and they are still going strong this winter.

So it seems mums advice is right after all—"layer up" - but remember thin ones are better than looking like Chewbacca, and with today's technology fabrics that wick away moisture are key to staying dry, warm and snug. There is plenty of choice and sports shops and Amazon are great places to start.