

# Unbelievable Impalement Recovery!

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Maija, our Palomino AQHA mare was 7 months pregnant with her 1st foal when we came home and found her in the corral all alone; very unusual behavior so we immediately knew something was wrong.

What we found was a 2" diameter by 4" deep puncture in her left side just behind where a cinch would go. We think she had been running in the pasture and impaled herself on a section of continuous pipe fence which was bent so severely, we couldn't bend it back even with a tractor and chain.

The vet said he could do nothing with a puncture, that we were on our own but to watch her breathing because there was concern about a possible lung penetration. Rather than just watch, we immediately washed it, sprayed the area with **Release™** and syringed in 1cc **Solace™**; 10cc distilled water, flushing the wound thoroughly. Then we packed the puncture with **Wound Salve** and re-sprayed with **Release™**. We were very concerned about her aborting the foal.

We also increased her DYNAMITE® to 2 oz/day and added 1 oz/2x daily of **Super Stress™** along with **Pelleted Grain Ration** increased to 3 cups each morning and evening. We did give her just a little (1 gram twice) Bute to help with the initial terrible pain. By the next day, she was walking better and within 3 days she was walking slow/normal. We continued flushing 2x daily for 3 days, then dropped back to 1x daily for 10 days then every other day until it closed which was only 3 weeks later. Also after 3 days, we sliced off the hanging, dead skin flap and kept her on the increased products for 2 more weeks.

After it was closed, we turned her back out into the pasture with all the other mares to run and play and be happy although we did apply **Wound Balm** every other day or so until the hair grew back totally normal; the scar is visible only if you know it is there. When it was time, she had a fine baby with absolutely no problems. Thank you DYNAMITE® for such fabulous products!

—Wanda & Mike Downey

