

# DONKEY SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC

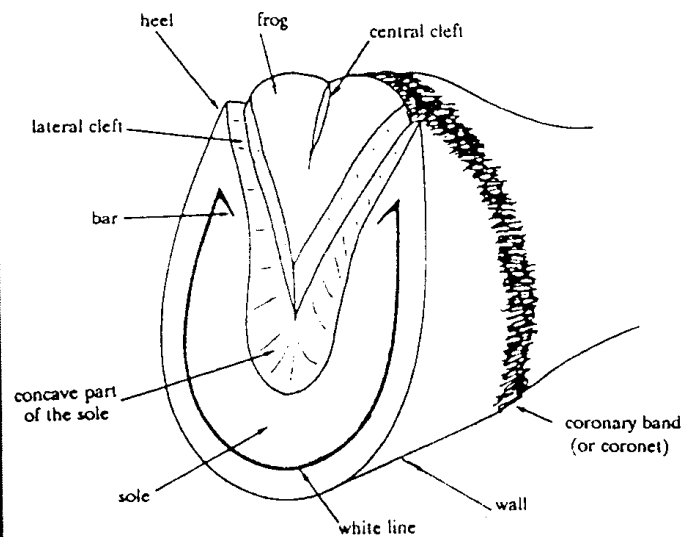
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## THE WELL TRIMMED HOOF

### The underside of the hoof



- The frog is healthy, sound and in contact with the ground. Donkey's frogs invariably need to be trimmed – this is different from a horse so farriers often overlook this. If they are not trimmed, they rot away and fall off, resulting in a hoof prone to infections and problems. This frog has been neatly trimmed back to a level with the bulb of the heel and away from the lateral clefts.
- The lateral clefts are spotlessly clean. They have been pared back so that there is perfect adhesion between the frog and the sole – no black material is left. The clefts are u-shaped and wide so that mud and dirt do not stick in them and encourage bacterial growth which rots away the frog.
- The bars are intact. They have an important weight bearing function; trimming them could result in your donkey developing contracted heels.
- The central cleft of the frog has been cleaned and any unhealthy frog has been removed.
- The concave part of the sole has been cleaned – all flaky material scraped away.
- The wall and the sole are neatly rasped, level from side to side and from heel to toe.
- The heels have been cut back so that the frog touches the ground and the hoof slopes at the same angle as the pastern.