THRUSH BUSTING

Primarily affects the grooves and central sulcus of the frog

Characteristic foul-smelling, black discharge

Frequently caused by poor hygiene, including standing in dirty, wet, or muddy areas/stalls

Increased susceptibility if: Club feet, under-run/contracted heels, minimal exercise, and improper hoof management

MANAGEMENT TIPS

- Clean hooves daily
- Provide clean, dry footing/environment
- Regularly trim to balance foot and remove dead tissue
- Apply an astringent solution containing copper sulfate or chlorine dioxide to the foot if thrush is present
- Consult a veterinarian if condition worsens