

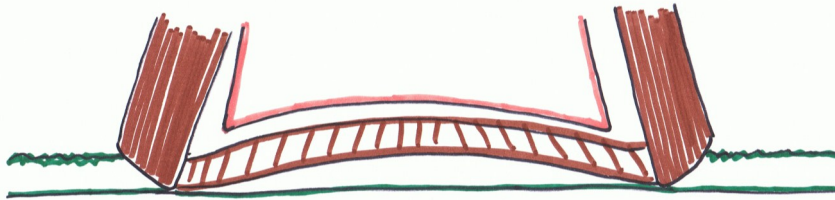


The opposite of contraction - excessive divergence

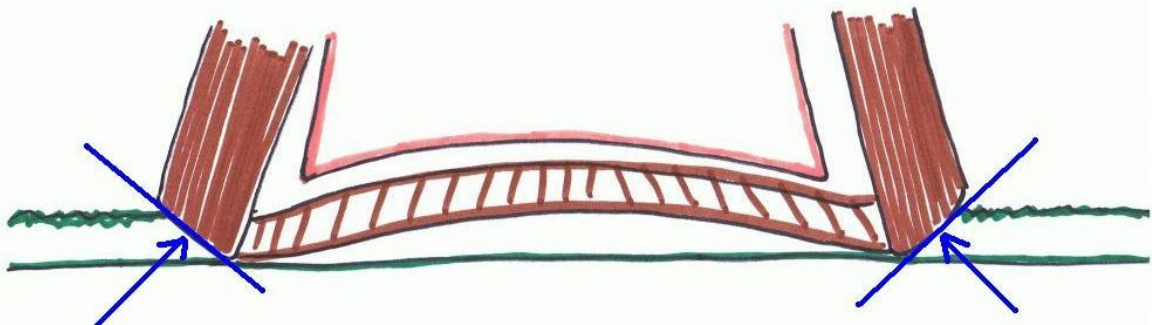
Sometimes you may come upon a hoof like this. Then it may be helpful to restrict hoof mechanism slightly by leaving the sole somewhat thicker to avoid the hoof spreading even more. This also may prevent initial excessive inflammation



And while this is usually not a contraction problem, in addition to leaving the sole somewhat thicker in the hoof above, you may also want to bevel the walls in to keep it together. This is the opposite of contraction, much easier to correct.



This correction could also be described as a Mustang roll.



In a hoof with excessive divergence the bone inside may look like this:



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