**Hoof Trimming Technique – Power Tools**

* Wear safety goggles and gloves as a means of protection so you don’t get hurt using this tool
* The grinder should be held on the body of it with the right hand and the handle with the left hand
* The grinder should be positioned flat against the hoof if the blade is flat, if it has cutting surfaces it should be tilted at a forward angle towards the hoof. The upper quarter of the grinder, furthest from your left hand is the surface that should touch the hoof.
* The grinder should be moved in a downwards motion towards the toe without bending the wrist with long strokes. This prevents a concave hoof from being created.
* All measurements for sole length and thickness remain the same as when using the hoof knife.
* To remove the tip of the toe, the grinder is held at 90 degree angles to the toe
* When doing modelling, the medial 2/3 of the lateral claw and medial ¼ of the medial claw are modelled without touching the heel or triangle of toe. Modelling is done by angling the grinder, but it has to be completed with either a knife or a Merlin power tool.
* The Merlin can be used to fine tune the modelling and the wrist should be bent to make a concave surface.