Once you have all the proper tools and have practiced your restraint method, you can begin the trimming process. Grasp one leg by the pastern (ankle) and bend it back. Make sure the animal isn’t over reaching and calm. With the point of closed shears, scrape away any debris. Pry open and snip off the outer hoof wall flap folded under the hoof. Trim down until you see the white sole. You will then see a growth ring parallel to the hairline. Trim away ragged edges of inner hoof wall between the two halves of the hoof. Trim the soft heel, one tiny slice at a time until the heel is the same level as the toe. Stop trimming if you begin to see pink. This means you are close to the foot’s blood supply. If bleeding occurs, sprinkle the area with blood shop powder.