



Worried about Laminitis?

We are seeing a few cases of laminitis at the moment and the condition can be hugely debilitating to horses and distressing to their owners. Many cases are caused by an underlying hormonal disorder, either Cushing's Disease (Pituitary Pars Intermedia Dysfunction - PPID) or Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS). By identifying these conditions from a blood test, we can greatly reduce a horse or ponies risk of having a laminitic episode.

Positive results for PPID increase with a horse's age, but interestingly, 58% of the horses with positive results were not showing any clinical signs at the time of testing.

Talk About Laminitis (TAL) is a disease awareness initiative supported by the British Horse Society, Redwings and World Horse Welfare which highlights the link between PPID, EMS and laminitis. As part of the TAL season, complimentary laboratory fees for the blood test to detect PPID are being offered to horses that have never had a positive blood test result (visits, sampling and postage are payable). See more on our website or <http://www.talkaboutlaminitis.co.uk>

Feed Supplement for Best Hoof Health

Recurrent abscesses, laminitis, thrush, poor quality hoof, slow growing hooves, white line disease, soft and thin soles, flat or misshapen feet can all cause headaches for horse owners. Achieving strong and well formed hooves sometimes feels impossible, but help is at hand in the form of our hoof supplement.

Parkside Hoof Supplement provides not just biotin, but all the nutrients necessary to protect and nourish every layer within the hoof horn. This sulphur enriched formula will ensure that important nutrients are supplied to optimise growth and improve the integrity of the hoof. It contains a concentrated source of the sulphur-rich amino acid Methionine and the sulphur-rich nutrient MSM. (Keratin sulphate, the structural component of the hoof horn, has a high sulphur content).

Parkside Hoof Supplement contains a very high level of Biotin, 37.5mg per daily serving, as well as Calcium, essential for cohesion in the hoof wall, Zinc, which is required for healing of all epidermal tissue and other amino acids, which are the building blocks of protein. All our supplements are covered by our 'Five Star Guarantee'. This one also has an additional satisfaction guarantee. If you try 150 days supply and aren't completely happy, we will refund you the full value of the three tubs. You can't say fairer than that. One of our vets, Lucy, has used this supplement for her youngster, Jack and has had amazing results.



Case Report

Harry is a lovely Arab gelding who got a little caught up in a gate early in the summer. His leg slipped through the bars making him fall, which thankfully allowed him to free himself, however he wasn't without injury. Vet, Lucy Eyre got straight to the scene and set about assessing the wound and giving Harry a thorough examination. As well as a few skin wounds Harry had sustained a nasty injury to the inside of his left leg. He had exposed a large portion of his cannon bone and the soft tissues were damaged. Some strong pain relief and antibiotics were given and an extensive wound flush followed by major leg dressings. A special tissue-preserving dressing was also applied. Luckily there were no fractures and Lucy managed to remove all the debris from the wound, leaving it as clean as possible. Despite this, a wound will always "die back" at the edges before healing starts and progresses to grow over the deficit. The offending gates have now all been covered with a fine mesh and is having bandage changes every 3 days and his progress has been fabulous so far!

Unfortunately for his mum, Karen, the fun didn't stop there! Harry felt that box rest (necessary to restrict the movement of the skin) was not for him and everyone realised that we needed a new plan, so after a period of 'home-improvements', a solution was found and his new abode became a room with a view - an open fronted stable at the edge of his grazing and this has suited him down to the ground and he has been much happier. See the pictures below, from freshly happened on the left, through a dirty die-back stage, to clean and healing well then healed on the right. Manuka honey was a great help in the healing process. Isn't the body a wonderful thing!



Ragwort or Tansy is flowering all over just now. Avoid grazing fields growing this weed as eating the plant causes irreversible liver damage in months to come. Cut it down to avoid seeds and making things worse next year. Remove it and burn it. If left to dry it becomes less bitter, so never leave it or make hay from a field with Ragwort.

