

Suitable for equines prone to **qastric ulcers** as part of a balanced diet





Fibre-Beet®

Quick Soaking Conditioning Feed

for Horses & Ponies

Management advice for horses and ponies prone to or at risk from Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome

- Keep meal sizes small and feed frequently
- Ideally provide conserved forage ad lib, but never less than 1.5% of bodyweight (dry matter) basis
- Increasing forage intake will increase chewing time which will increase saliva production helping to naturally buffer stomach acid
- If appropriate (e.g. not laminitic) provide as much turnout time as possible
- Where possible take measures to reduce stress if your horse has EGGD it is recommended to give 2 days off a week.
- Adding chopped fibre to each meal may be beneficial for buffering the acid in the stomach
- Ideally provide some fibre before any intense exercise is carried out to help reduce the risk of acid splashing on the non-glandular part of the stomach.
- Make sure water is available at all times
- Avoid feeding straw as the sole forage source
- Please Note . Recent developments have clearly identified two forms of EGUS: Equine Squamous
 Gastric Disease and Equine Gastric Glandular Disease. Whilst dietary management cannot prevent
 or cure either form of EGUS, a suitable diet is essential if any medical treatment and management
 changes are to be effective.

THIS PRODUCT DOES NOT TREAT OR CURE GASTRIC ULCERS. IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR HORSE HAS ULCERS PLEASE CONSULT YOUR VET.





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Why are fibre feeds important to the horse?

The horse is a herbivore which has evolved to eat plants and utilise feeds high in fibre. So the natural way to feed your horse is to supply as many nutrients as possible from fibrous feeds before adding anything else to its diet.

Dry Fibre-Beet

Feeding a fibre-based diet in this way helps to maintain the natural balance of bacteria in the horse's hindgut, while reducing starch and sugar in the diet helps support a healthy digestive tract, maintains overall good health and reduces the risk of laminitis.

Our philosophy on feeding

- 1. Firstly, feed forage as the main fibre source
- 2. Top up with a digestible fibre feed like *Fibre-Beet*. If forage is of questionable nutritional value or your horse is a poor forage eater, *Fibre-Beet* can be used to replace up to 60% of your horse's forage
- 3. Add BHF Cooked Linseed into the diet for a range of nutrients, quality protein and Omegas 3,6 and 9.
- 4. If required balance further with a vitamin and mineral supplement or consider a good Low Calorie Balancer, and have fresh water available at all times.
- 5. If you still need to feed more energy for condition or performance, you may wish to supplement further with a hard feed
- 6. Always monitor horse condition and adjust feeding accordingly

Why Fibre-Beet?

- Highly digestible conditioning fibre feed
- Wet feeding the natural way to feed your horse
- Soft feed for recovering or veteran horses
- Added biotin to help maintain hoof condition
- Low in starch and sugar. Ideal for horses and ponies whose starch intake needs limiting
- Ideal Fibre Source for Horses and Ponies Prone to Laminitis
- Provides slow release energy
- Palatable for the fussy eater
- A useful source of digestible fibre to supplement poor forage or grazing



So easy to prepare!

- Add 1 part dry *Fibre-Beet* to 3 parts water by weight i.e. ½kg dry Fibre-Beet would require 1½ litres of water.
- Add more water to make a sloppier mash if you want to help your horse rehydrate.
- You can prepare in advance if you wish, but store in cool conditions and feed within 24 hours of soaking.





Feeding guidelines

FEEDING GUIDE Suggested Feeding Rate (kg - day) *Dry weight				
Bodyweight (kg)	Light Exercise/ Rest	Moderate Exercise	Hard Exercise	
300 - 450	0.5	0.75	1.0	
450 - 560	0.75	1.0	1.5	
560 - 650	1.0	1.5	2.0	
650+	1.25	1.75	2.25	
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Start with at least 2kg of Fibre-Beet (measured dry) daily.

FEEDING AS A HAY REPLACER

500g of *Fibre-Beet* is approximately equivalent to 1kg of hay.



