

Kohnke's Own[®]

GASTRO-COAT[®]

Natural Healing for Gastric Irritation

Gastro-Coat™ is a natural, drug-free supplement that helps buffer gastric acid and prevent gastric irritation in horses. Gastro-Coat™ has a specific role in the management and prevention of gastric ulcers (EGUS) in working horses. Gastro-Coat™ helps to maintain optimum digestive conditions within the stomach and upper small intestine.

Gastro-Coat™ helps proper digestive function in horses by:

- Containing natural mucilage and phospholipid compounds to help the action of chewing and salivation to encourage normal gastric and upper intestinal function.
- Buffers gastric acid and provides a thick, sticky mucus layer to protect irritated areas of the stomach and small intestine from gastric acid burn.
- Includes a natural source of nucleotides to support healing of ulcerated areas of the stomach and small intestine.
- Helps maintain the appetite in hard working and travelling horses.
- **Gastro-Coat™** does NOT contain prohibited compounds, such as slippery elm powder.

Gastro-Coat™ is highly recommended for horses with gastric ulcers as a supportive supplement. Signs of gastric ulcers in horses include a loss of appetite, 'girthy', 'nappy', uncooperative or 'sour' behaviour. After 5-7 days of supplementation with Gastro-Coat™ in the main feed before exercise, most horses with a history of gastric ulcers, or pain from gastric irritation, will regain their normal temperament and appetite.

The beneficial mucilage and phospholipids in Gastro-Coat™ are inherently low in feed mixes containing grains and protein meals in ready-mixed and stable-mixed feeds fed to horses in training. High grains feeds have reduced mucilage compounds as heat processing of grains damages these natural compounds. Thus, Gastro-Coat™ is recommended as a supplement for horses fed high grain or protein diets.

Dose Rates: 500kg bodyweight horse

Gastro-Coat™ can be given in combination with rations based on prepared feeds and home-mixed rations alike. Gastro-Coat™ is formulated to quickly become 'sticky' and 'gluggy' so that it adheres to the stomach wall. It may be mixed with vegetable oil to minimise the rapid reaction with water and provide a long lasting and highly beneficial effect. There are 3 ways to give Gastro-Coat™:

Mix it with alfalfa as a small feed before training each morning:

Provide a small feed of 4 litres of alfalfa chaff/crumbled cubes, which also contains natural mucilages and buffers, along with 3-4 scoopsful of **Gastro-Coat™** and 2 scoopsful of powdered limestone (for acid neutralisation). If given 30 minutes before training or travelling each day, it can reduce the risk of gastric ulcers by up to 100%, if given on a daily basis. Horses will maintain their normal appetite and attitude, even after fast work or strenuous competition.

By oral syringe over the tongue:

Gastro-Coat™ is formulated to be conveniently mixed into vegetable oil. In the 5-10 minute period before saddling up to go onto the track, trail, or exercise arena each morning, add 3-4 scoopsful of **Gastro-Coat™** to 80-100ml of vegetable oil, mix it into a 'slurry' and administer it over the tongue. In a very 'picky' or slow eater, give another dose over the tongue just prior to giving the morning feed. This will provide a coating of natural mucilages on the sensitive lining of the stomach and help reduce the discomfort from gastric irritation and ulceration.

As a topping on the meal after training:

After **Gastro-Coat™** has helped to maintain a more consistent appetite in a horse with a history of gastric ulcers, or picky eating, mix 4-5 scoopsful of **Gastro-Coat™** into a small amount of dry alfalfa chaff or crumbled cubes, as a topping on the morning feed after exercise, to help maintain a normal digestive system without acid burn.



Gastro-Coat™ is available in pack sizes: 1kg, 3kg, 6kg, 10kg and 20kg