

Kohnke's Own®

Australia's Most Trusted Horse Supplements

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Check the Crest!!

DOES YOUR HORSE HAVE A CRESTY NECK?

It is essential to keep a close watch on your 'good-doer' horse or pony, especially if they develop a hard, fatty crest on their neck and tail-butt regions.

Adequate reserves of fat provide a horse with an important energy source, insulate the body against cold weather and internally protect the organs in the abdominal cavity during exercise. However, increased fat storage in regional areas can indicate an excess intake of energy or the onset of Equine Metabolic Syndrome (EMS) in middle-aged horses and ponies with developing Insulin Resistance (IR) or Type 2 diabetes.

The firmness and relative amount of fat depositions in the muscle structure and subcutaneous layers of the 'crest' area of the neck is a practical method to help determine the relative risk of onset of laminitis in EMS and IR affected horses and ponies.

*This scoring system provides a practical means of assessing the risk of health problems in animals which may not be overly fat or obese. **Score 4-5 can benefit from TRIM™***

Does your Horse have a 'Cresty' Neck?



Score 0



Score 1



Score 2



Score 3



Score 4



Score 5

Cresty Neck Scoring Method (CNS)



PREPARING FOR COMPETITION

Cell-Perform™ is a comprehensive supplement suitable for dressage, show-jumpers, eventers, polo and all other competitive horses.

Many horse owners, riders and trainers do not realise that as their horse's training and performance fitness increases, their nutritional needs can also increase, especially for nutrients important to metabolic and antioxidant pathways, as well as muscle and joint function.

"Show-Jumping is a demanding sport and my team of horses deserve the best nutrients for peak performance as well as good health and well-being. Kohnke's Own Cell-Perform gives my Show-Jumpers the edge needed during multiple rounds, especially for muscle strength and stamina."

George Johnson, Team J Show-Jumping



Let's Talk TRIM®

TRIM is very effective in helping to strip off cresty necks and abnormal fat deposits quickly and easily.

You can combine TRIM supplementation with a low GI diet for horses at significant risk of laminitis.



Email the friendly team of Nutritional Advisors at Kohnke's Own for a free ration analysis and advice on reducing sugar intake for your horse or pony.



Example of Flatweed

Photo provided by Mellisa Offord

BE AWARE OF STRINGHALT

Have you checked your paddocks for Flatweed ?

Many horses have developed Stringhalt from the ingestion of Flatweed over the last year and there is evidence that this condition is starting to reappear.

Pasture-Associated Stringhalt (PAS) is caused by a nerve damaging chemical contained within the leaves of the flatweed, produced by the plant (MacKay et al, 2013), contrary to popular belief, it is not a mycotoxin. The chemical in the plant affects the peripheral nervous system, especially the long sciatic nerves of the hind limbs by stripping the protective myelin sheath from the nerves. When pasture becomes scarce, horses will start to eat the newly sprouted leaves of the flatweed. Signs of PAS may start to be noticeable within 7–21 days after consuming flatweed on a daily basis. Mildly affected horses may display slightly unco-ordinated hind limbs when they initially walk off from a standstill, but will improve as they warm up. More severely affected horses will often show complete in-coordination with an exaggerated gait when they become anxious or excited.

Management for Stringhalt includes removing horses from the infested pasture immediately and placing them into a weed-free paddock or holding yard and hand feeding hay. Dampened lucerne hay is best as it has a higher protein, digestible energy and nutrient content than other grassy hays. In most mild cases horses show significant improvement over a 2-3 week period; however, when the symptoms are more severe it may take 6-12 months with some horses never making a full recovery. Supplementing with Kohnke's Own Mag-E, which contains high levels of organic magnesium as well as high potency vitamin E and vitamin B1 provides a unique combination of special ingredients that has helped many PAS affected horses to regain normal nerve and muscle function.





Weaning before Winter

Studies have shown that there is no benefit to growth or development by weaning later than 6 month of age in the majority of young horses. However, weaning is stressful to many foals when separated from their mothers and turned out into a group of other weanlings. Competition for feed, cold weather, high incidence of respiratory virus infection and reduced immunity due to poor immune development or challenges from infection, can cause a setback in growth for the initial 3-4 weeks after weaning. For each month of growth lost to heat (energy) loss under cold conditions, lack of adequate feed and viral respiratory conditions which reduce appetite, combined with a high risk gastric ulceration due to all of the above risk factors, can take up to 2 months to catch up until 9 – 12 months of age.

A change in feed type at weaning can lead to reduced intake of essential bone growth nutrients, especially if a weanling is stressed, pushed away from feed bins by more dominant weaners, or has a cold. Supplement once daily with Kohnke's Own® Cell-Grow® to top-up pre-mixed or complete feeds and help ensure adequate bone minerals for growth and development.



Available in 3.5kg, 10kg and 20kg packs.



Horses which are confined to water-logged yards or muddy ground areas with continuous periods of rain are at risk of developing soft hooves as the hooves soak up the water and become soft and water logged. Hoof abscesses are also common when previously dry hooves with cracks experience wet conditions as the hoof sole naturally absorbs more water as well as bacteria and moulds. Keeping the hooves as dry as possible will help reduce the risk of sole collapse and other wet weather conditions, such as Thrush in horses standing in their own droppings when confined to a small area.

Application of protective preparations, such as **Kohnke's Own® Hoof-Seal®** can assist hooves to maintain moisture content of the soles and frogs. Hoof-Seal® contains a breathable layer-forming agent that protects the hooves from moisture variations with a protective, durable film that resists wear and reduces excessive softening in wet weather, as well as preventing drying out and cracks in hot weather.



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