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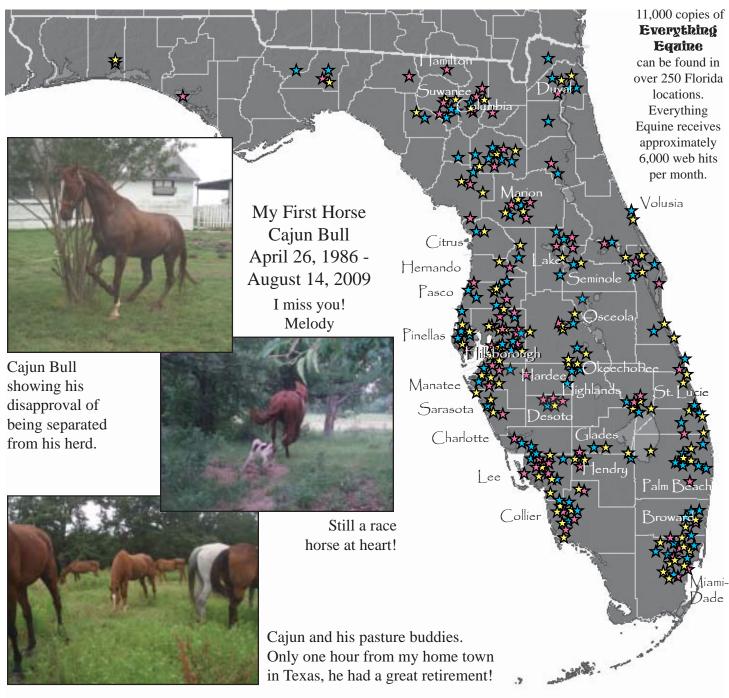
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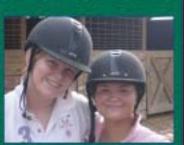
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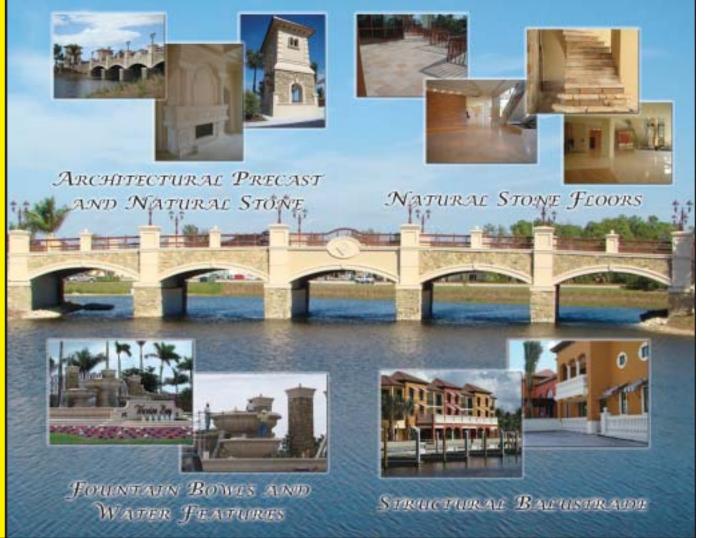
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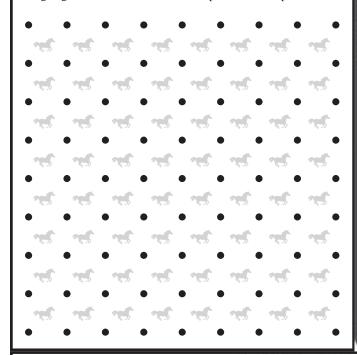
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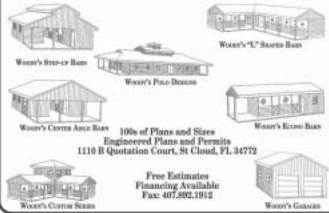
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Usually an 8-week rotation of dewormer classes is appropriate.

However, most normal classes of dewormers (avermectin and

**pyrantel) do not kill tapeworms.** If you provide a double dose of pyrantel in the spring, that will help. Pharmaceutical companies have developed a specific tapeworm product containing the drug class **praziquantel.** Other products combine praziquantel with avermectin and kill about 100% of internal parasites. These are completely safe for horses.

As for a good dewormer rotation practice, give an Avermectin-based product in the late summer and fall to help with bots. Other rotations can include pyrantel products and/or benzimidazoles. There are other smaller classes of products that should be part of your rotation, including a praziquantel product in the spring.

I recommend sticking with an 8-week rotation. Research shows that even an 8-week rotation of products will result in resistant parasites over time; however this research is too new and not definitive enough for me to comment on at this time.

Answer provided by Carey Williams, Ph.D., Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

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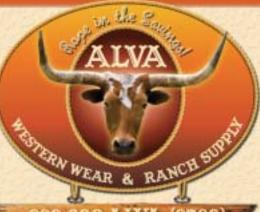
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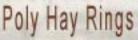
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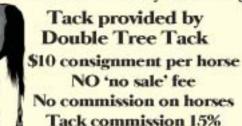


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2009-2010 Show Season

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|                    | SPEED<br>SEPT. 12 |                     |
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| <b>PERFORMANCE</b> | OCT. 10           | <b>HUNTER JUMPE</b> |
| OCT. 3             | NOV. 14           | SEPT. 26            |
| NOV. 7             | DEC. 12           | OCT. 24             |
| DEC. 5             | JAN. 9            | NOV. 28             |
| JAN. 2             | FEB. 13           | DEC. 19             |
| FEB. 6             | MARCH 13          | JAN. 23             |
| MARCH 6            | APRIL 10          | FEB. 27             |
| APRIL 3            | MAY 8             | MARCH 27            |
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Lee County Posse Arena

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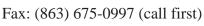
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- 4. Follow My Carrot Race (bribe your horse to other side of ring with a carrot)
- 5. **Musical Horse Chairs** (walk in circle on horse until music stops and get to a square)
- 6. Ride a Buck (ride bareback with a dollar under your leg)

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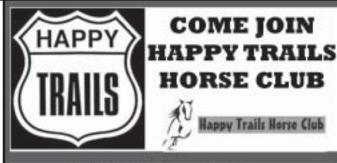
- 7. Water Glass (balance a glass of water while doing what announcer asks)
- 8. Flag Race (grab flag at 1st barrel, run to second barrel, and put in bucket)
- 9. Donut on a Stick Race (go to far end of arena and eat donut off a stick)
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Club Scene



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#### 2009-2010

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Feb. 13

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#### Why Horses Get Gastric Ulcers and How To Treat Them Naturally!

By Dr. Richard Shakalis (co-founder and researcher for SBS Equine Products)

Stomach ulcers in horses is major health epidemic in the equine world and may be preventable. More than 52% of horses of all breeds from one to twenty four years old had gastric ulcers during a recent gastro-endoscopic study (Murray et al.). The Equine Gastric Ulcer Council found that gastric ulcers were present in 80-90% of racehorses in training.

Most people do not know for sure if their horses have gastric ulcers. They may only suspect the presence of ulcers because of small noticeable changes in their horse's condition. For example, adult horses with ulcers can exhibit a combination of poor appetite, dullness, attitude changes, decreased performance, poor body and hoof condition, rough hair coat, weight loss and colic. Treating gastric ulcers with acid blockers sometimes helps to relieve the symptoms, but may prolong the problem.

During a recent swing last season through the major horse racing training facilities in Florida, researchers from SBS Equine Products conducted over twenty, one on one, interviews with many of the top trainers in the country. Although most of the trainers share health information regularly with their neighbors, their feeding program for the horses under their control was, in some cases, considered a trade secret. After all, it is a competitive industry and feed is what fuels the animal. However, although most of the trainers surveyed admitted to having problems with gastric equine ulcers, those who said that they had few or no problems at all, did seem to follow a similar feeding pattern.

Horses have evolved to eat many small meals per day, almost on a continual basis. Even though the horse's stomach is only 8 percent of digestive tract (eight quarts or two gallons), the emptying time of the stomach can be a mere twelve minutes and the rate of passage through the small intestine one foot per minute. The small volume of the stomach and the rapid passage of food to the small intestine is the reason that horses can and are designed to eat almost continuously. Gastric pH can drop lower than 2 soon after a horse stops consuming food and the stomach will continue to produce strong acid even if food is not present.

We found in our survey of the horse trainers at the Florida training facilities, those that fed their horses four or five small meals a day had far fewer problems with gastric ulcers that those who

fed their horses two or three meals a day. The bottom line is concentrate feeding can inadvertently contribute to ulcer formation by its influence on increasing serum gastric levels, lowering the horse's roughage intake and reducing the amount of time spent eating. Imposed feed deprivation, such as in colic management cases, can result in erosion and ulceration of the gastric mucosa as well.



Equipe ulcers occurs in the is the starting point of digestion

In the case of racehorses, they are often not fed immediately prior to training or racing. This could result in a significant increase in stomach acidity. Also, horses can become excited

during training and racing, further lowering gastric pH. These influences contribute to gastric ulceration Studies show that the greater the degree of training activity, the increasing severity of gastric lesions. Further, lesions were induced and maintained in thoroughbred horses during simulated training, using a diet of coastal Bermuda and concentrate. Although Dr. N. J. Vatistas stopped short of recommending all racehorses in training receive gastric ulcer treatment, he did indicate that "The truth may not be far from that".

#### **Ulcer Formation Mechanism**

Gastric ulceration in horses results from an imbalance between offensive factors, e.g. acid and pepsin, and defensive factors such as mucus, bicarbonate, prostaglandins, mucosal blood flow and epithelial restitution. Most of these ulcers occur in the fundic portion of the stomach, which has a phospholipid rich, protective epithelial layer. Disruption of this barrier (mucous, surface-active phospholipids) is initial to the destruction of the stomach's surface epithelium. Because most domesticated horses do not feed constantly like nature designed them to, excess acid can ulcerate this protective layer. Unless the mucous lining is strong enough to withstand the powerful acids produced here, ulcers often develop.

#### Management of Equine Gastric Ulcers

Various therapeutic protocols have been suggested for the control of equine gastric ulcers. These include antacids, (think of products such Tums and Rolaids) and H2 acid blockers such as the pharmaceutical products Pepsid and Prilosec. These treatments will reduce acid in the fundic portion of the stomach and will reduce the occurrence of ulcers, but there may be unintended negative consequences from these treatments. Stomach acid is an extremely important component of the initial stage of the digestive process. If in this initial stage of digestion there is not adequate acid present to break down food, it will pass into the small intestine only partially digested. The nutrients won't be in a form that can be absorbed in the small intestine and the horse will not be adequately nourished.

There is a better way to protect the horse from and treat gastric ulcers. When the horse is given lecithin and apple pectin as a nutritional supplement to his normal diet, the acid in the fundic

portion of the stomach immediately breaks it down into a mix of reactive phospholipids. The phospholipids in lecithin are both hydrophilic and hydrophobic and interact with the cell membranes of the mucosal epithelium to strengthen the mucosa. Research has shown that lecithin not only treats the symptoms of



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equine ulcers, it cures the ulcers as well by making the stomach lining stronger at the cellular membrane level. The beneficial effects of a diet supplemented with lecithin and pectin also enhances the rest of the digestive tract as well. There has been much research to substantiate this. They also observed horses fed lecithin had reduced levels of excitability and anxiety that was attributed to the healing of gastric ulcers.

#### Summary

A well studied health condition in horses is gastric ulcers. The presence of these ulcers is associated with poor condition, irritability and poor performance. Treatment options such as reducing stomach acid production is expensive and can disrupt the normal digestive process by not allowing the food to begin its initial breakdown as nature intended. A less expensive and more effective treatment is to give horses a nutritional supplement of lecithin containing apple pectins. The lecithin strengthens the epithelial lining of the stomach treating and preventing gastric ulcers and allow for the proper absorption of nutrients in the small intestine. The apple pectins help to buffer the stomach lining and slow the digestive process. Pectins also are prebiotic in that they support beneficial microflora in the gastro-intestinal tract.

Lecithin has proven a valuable natural supplement for horses to treat and prevent gastric ulcers. Lecithin granules can be added quickly and easily to a horse's daily feed ration or to almost any homemade horse treat recipe. Horse treats containing lecithin given between feedings and after training can help protect the stomach from the damaging affects of excess acid which is a natural occurrence in horses.



When sourcing lecithin, remember that not all lecithin granules are the same. The best source of lecithin is a brand that contains apple pectins and sold through a dealer that sells animal products. For more articles on gastric equine ulcers and other horse related issues, check out www.sbsequine.com/articles.

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## The Story of Rainy.....

I journeyed to a miniature horse farm in Florida in Anthony,

by: Half Vast Connie

One hundred and twenty miniature horses and ponies, I couldn't wait to see!

They were many colors and many sizes and I loved them all!

Which one should I pick is the question. Difficult to make the call!

Their feet were long and untrimmed and their manes had never seen a comb!

There was very little grass on the huge acreage. Like buffalo they roam!

The sun beat down on their painted coats, leaving the hair dull and dry!

The purpose of their existence one would wonder with a sigh!!!

There were two massive barns each with twenty big stalls or more!

Quiet and unoccupied-no tiny little hooves ever entered through the door.

No coggins-no wormings! Would Destiny's Hand of Death come soon to call?

They were of many colors and many sizes and I loved them all!

Time warranted one of them I had to choose. Oh! Which one should I pick?

Guess I'll take the white mini gelding with long tangled mane full of stick!

He loaded instantly into the trailer though no experience of such had he!

Rain began to fall from the sky so "Rainy" was his name to be!!!

It took a half day to comb his long mane and his tail hanging to the ground!

With worming and a little feed, Rainy began to come around!

My farrier was in New York and in a month was coming back.....

So trimming Rainy's overgrown hooves was all I did lack!

Rainy pawed his little foot at the doors of the other pony's stalls...

The ponies were many sizes and many colors and Rainy loved them all!

Then Rainy one day became sick and would hardly even eat!

The vet thought it was an abscess and checked all his feet!!!

He gave him some powder for his stomach after I told him where Rainy had been-

But the small white pony wouldn't eat, lost weight, grew gaunt and thin!

I dragged myself to the barn each day with a heart filled with much dread!

And always I worried my beautiful little Rainy would be lying there dead!

Finally my farrier appeared on the scene and with nippers of fine silver steel....

Placed the tiny little hoof on his leg and slowly the layers of growth began to peel!

From the bottom of Rainy's hoof-over half a cup-there flowed that much puss!!!

The infection had eaten ALL of the entire hoof. In unison, you could hear us cuss!

But time heals all wounds and for those of you who encounter this fear.....

In a few short months, in her magic way, Nature had a new hoof appear!

Now it seems that Rainy was very gaited and would put on a beautiful show!

For the "unicorns" with names of "Ghost", "Charmin", "Casper" and "Snow!"

Now with a pretty blue halter entwined with flowers and a pretty blue rope....

A two year old child begs to ride Rainy with innocence her only hope...

He wears a fiberglass horn with "jewels". His long forelock over his eyes adorn!

And a child screams with excitement to ride that little "baby" unicorn!

Never has but even one day gone by that my heart hasn't ushered a cry...

For the one hundred and twenty miniatures and ponies I said, "goodbye"

No, I didn't save many of them but, more important, I was able to save one!

If each of us could say that, surely a blessing awaits when our life is done!



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#### ISABEL GARCIA!

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#### **HOW TALL?**

Many people have horses for sale in this economy. We all want to get the most for our money as a buyer or seller. When describing your horse you should give the most accurate information possible. This will help to save time of the seller and potential buyer. This month we will discuss how to properly measure your horse's height. Horse height is correctly referred to by a unit of measurement known as a "hand." One hand is equal to four inches.

Purchase or borrow a measuring stick specifically used for horses. These will measure exactly how tall your horse is in "hands." This is the easiest method. If using a measuring tape, do not follow the contour of the horse's body with the tape, but hold it perpendicular to the ground and eye across the tape where the wither would reach.

For the most accurate measurement the horse should be on firm, level ground with its front feet even, or close to even. Make sure you are measuring from the spot where the horse's hoof touches the ground to the very top of his withers.

If you have measured your horse with a tape, you will need to convert the results from inches to "hands." To convert inches to hands, divide the number of inches by 4. This is the number of whole hands. 64 inches is 16 hands (64/4).

What If your horse is 65 inches?divided by 4 is 16.25 The 16 is the number of hands, and the .25 means 25% hand, or another 1 inch. What If your horse is 66 inches?divided by 4 is 16.5 The 16 is the number of hands, and the .5 means another half (50%) of a hand, or another 2 inches. A 66 inch high horse is 16.2 hands high. A 16.2 hands high horse can also be called 16 and a half hands.

What If your horse is 67 inches? divided by 4 is 16.75 The 16 is the number of hands, and the .75 means another 75% of a hand, or another 3 inches.

When writing in "hands", the number after the decimal is how many inches your horse is taller than the whole number in front of the decimal. The number after the period should NOT stand for a fraction.

A few examples of how to correctly write down a horse's height are below. Remember, the number in front of the period is for hands and the number after the period is the remaining inches.

16hh- This is a correct way of writing that a horse is 16 hands tall 16.0hh - Another correct way of writing that a horse is 16 hands tall 16.1hh - This is the correct way of writing that a horse is 16 hands, 1 inch tall

16.2hh - This is the correct way of writing that a horse is 16 hands, 2 inches tall

16.3hh - This is the correct way of writing that a horse is 16 hands, 3 inches tall

16.4hh - WHOA! 16.4 is incorrect. This means that a horse is 16 hands, 4 inches tall. Since a hand is equal to four inches, this horse is 17 hands.

16.5hh - Wrong again! Some people incorrectly use the number after the period to stand for fractions of a hand, but it should stand for inches. So, some people write "16.5" to mean 16 and a half hands, but this should correctly be written as "16.2".

The "hh" stands for "hands high."

What if my horse is 66½ inches high? 16.2½hh would be appropriate.

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