



Fall Digestive Upset Prevention

Fall can be hard on horses, with barometric pressure drops, hot days, cold nights, changes in pasture and more. These changes can trigger digestive upset and colic. Also, low pressure systems affect polarity thru electromagnetic changes and cause the body to become more positively charged and throw off calcium, which the gut needs for proper contractions.

During these changing times be sure to keep your horse's gut in balance with a prebiotic or probiotic digestive aid. Animal health depends on a thriving population of beneficial gut microbes. Factors such as stress, diet changes, chemical wormers, vaccinations, and antibiotics will cause an animal's gut to become an unfriendly environment and will force microbes to go dormant. A prebiotic such as **Dyna Pro** is designed to create the ideal conditions for good microbes to come out of dormancy, multiply, and thrive. Your horse gets optimal utilization of food and supplements, resulting in a vibrant animal.



In order to maintain your horse's proper calcium levels, be sure they have access to free choice minerals in addition to their daily foundation supplement. Supplements containing calcium and phosphorus are especially important for horses where legume hay (alfalfa) or grass hay is a significant part of their diet. Products such as **Dynamite 2:1** or **1:1** can be fed free choice or added to their feed on a daily basis.

During these changing seasons and into the winter, be sure to offer plenty of hay and or pasture grass to keep the gut moving and prevent ulcers. On particularly cold days, you might want to consider creating a well-soaked timothy pellet mash to get wet food into them. If you see reluctance to drink, add just a drizzle (about 1/2 ounce) of **DynaSpark** electrolyte to the feed.

If your horse is a tough keeper, you may also want to consider adding a high-energy pellet to their feed ration. One of the finest sources of fat and protein, with an excellent array of amino acids, is the whole, organically-grown soybean. You can find this in **Dynamite HES** (High Energy Supplement).

Be sure to gradually add the pellets to their regular feed so as not to cause digestive upset or diarrhea. For the first two days feed a small handful per feeding. Double each day until the optimum level is reached.

Hope this helps. These good practices should keep your horse healthy and happy during these changing seasons.



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