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Horse Health Tip: The world stops when his belly hurts!

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Many horses suffer from stress related digestive problems. Studies show over 50% of show and race horses have ulcers in their GI tract. When the proper acid-base balance of a horse's digestive tract is disturbed, gastric and/or intestinal ulcers may develop.

This increased intestinal permeability creates a pro-inflammatory state that may lead to food sensitivities, allergies, sore muscles and joints, impaired immune system function, colic, laminitis, and many other illnesses.

If one considers the hypothesis "you are what you eat," you should understand the principle applies to your horse as well. An unhealthy ulcerated gut sets the stage for equine disease. The digestive tract serves as a "door" to the equine's body. It is of the utmost importance that the "door" remains selectively functional. When it becomes "stuck open," as with ulcers and dysbiosis, the digestive tract transforms into a highway for toxins and pathogens (bacteria, virus, and yeast) to enter the body and trigger disease, including systemic inflammation and lameness.

The first and foremost objective for your equine partner's wellness program must be a well-balanced diet. A nutrient specific supplemental program containing pre-biotics, pro-biotics, digestive enzymes, bioactive immunoglobulins, and Saccharomyces Boulardii (a beneficial yeast) will help assure a healthy digestive tract to optimize digestion and absorption.

Once you focus on your horse's digestive health, you will find that most other health and performance concerns will improve all by themselves!

Learn More About Your Horse's Health

This tip was brought to you by KAM Animal Services. KAM's Equine Learning Circle will be offering bi-monthly free webinars every month. The above topic will be expanded upon in the January 10th webinar. If you'd like to sign up and learn more about how to help your horse's digestion and gut health go to www.kamanimalservices.com and sign up for their free webinars now. Space is limited.

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