

FOUNDERGUARD®

FOR THE PREVENTION OF GRAIN INDUCED LAMINITIS IN HORSES

FOUNDERGUARD® is a granular feed additive pelleted medication for horses. It helps prevent laminitis caused by sudden increases of starch and sugar in the diet.



COMPOSITION

Each 25g dose contains:
Virginiamycin 250mg

KEY BENEFITS/PROPERTIES

- Preventative therapy: helps protect against diet induced laminitis.
- Allows high grain diets to be fed safer.
- Highly palatable apple flavour for easy administration
- Pellet formulation for easy mixing into feed.

MODE OF ACTION

When horses are fed high starch or sugar diets, such as grains or lush grass, the starch and sugar is metabolised by some bacteria in the caecum (hindgut) to produce lactic acid. The lactate can lead to degradation of the delicate membranes in the hooves which hold the tough horn-like hoof material (hoof wall) to the bone and tissue underneath. Inflammation of these membranes (or laminae) is called laminitis. Laminitis is exceedingly painful, and can lead to loosening of the membranes and separation of the hoof wall from the tissues, causing the bone to appear to rotate downwards (actually the hoof wall peeling off upwards) – this is called founder. The pellets contain the antibiotic Virginiamycin. This alters the bacterial population in the hindgut to prevent the production of lactate. This therefore helps to prevent laminitis and founder from the feeding of grains or lush grass.

DOSAGE / ADMINISTRATION

5g/100kg of bodyweight per day.

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Horses in high grain diets e.g. gallopers or eventers
- Young horses being prepared for sales
- Horses that have suffered laminitis or founder previously
- Horses undergoing a change in diet
- Horses with seedy toe, white line separation or poor-quality hooves.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Do not use in pregnant mares or breeding stallions.

WITHHOLDING PERIOD

Meat: 63 days.

STORAGE

Store below 30°C in a dry place.
Protect from light. Reseal after use.

PRESENTATION

1kg bucket.

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