

Gastric Ulcers in horses

Many horses suffer from stomach ulcers known as gastric ulcers and they can really affect the horses weight, condition, general health and comfort when riding and/or training and especially when girthing up.

At the centre we are duty bound to solve this problem long-term so these lovely horses do not go back to suffering from this condition as it can often recur. We use pure Aloe Vera juice and we administer it by syringe so it goes down through the mouth, down the oesophagus and into the stomach. Giving it in the feed may lose some of its effect as it can be absorbed by the food so ends up having less effect. We use pure unaltered Aloe Vera juice which is not easy to come by. There are many watered down versions on the market which may not have the same effect. 80% of the horses that arrive here from racing suffer with this debilitating condition and we are so pleased to share with you that we have an affordable solution that really works. We do not leave the results to guesswork and we often have the horses gastroscoped so we can really see the results and therefore we can always improve our management. A gastroscope is a little camera which is gently place down into the horse's stomach and pictures are taken of what is found down there. Our vet repeats this 8 weeks later if stomach ulcers are found and we check the result. The management system for those 8 weeks consist of 120 mls of pure Aloe twice per day, lots of fibre in the diet, and not over-facing the horse with work that he/she cannot handle or stressing the horse in any other way.



Picture on left here shows signs of gastric ulcers in the stomach of a lovely 4 yr old that arrived here with all the external symptoms of gastric ulcers so this gastroscop was done in July 2018. This horse was immediately given Aloe Vera juice as above by syringe twice per day through July and August 18



This second picture is a result of a gastroscop carried out in August 18 of the same horses and the vets report that accompanied this picture stated that there was NO sign of any ulceration whatsoever in this lovely 4 yr old and he had already started to look and feel better and was thriving

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