



HORSLYX™
BALANCERS

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Working with your horse's digestive system as nature intended could be key to helping him thrive.

Recognising the evolution of the horse as a trickle feeder and understanding the equine digestive system helps us provide a balanced diet for a horse or pony. Horses evolved to roam over large areas and graze, or "trickle feed", for 16 to 18 hours per day. Today, our horses are kept in relative luxury compared to their ancestors, but their digestive system is the same, so they need this trickle-feed supply of nutrients to remain in optimum health.





HOW IT WORKS

The digestive process starts in the mouth, where chewing and licking releases saliva to help buffer stomach acidity. A horse's stomach is the size of a rugby ball and this is where the digestion starts, continues in the small intestine and is completed in the hindgut. Two-thirds of the equine digestive process occurs in the hindgut, where fibre is fermented by micro-organisms and beneficial bacteria.

With a healthy hindgut, ample amounts of trickle-fed, good-quality forage should provide the horse with energy and warmth from the fermentation of fibre, and a range of B-vitamins. This combination ensures that the horse's skin and coat are healthy and the hooves are in good condition.

However, a long-term undersupply of minerals, including trace elements and vitamins, can lead to more serious problems, some of which can't be rectified.

It is important irrespective of workload that the horse's diet is balanced in terms of gross nutrients and micronutrients to maintain normal health and performance expectations. The horse may have evolved as a trickle feeder with the majority of his diet comprised of forage, but it's important to remember that grass is not balanced ideally for a horse, so using a balancer can correct any deficiencies resulting in a healthier animal.

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

It is often believed that balancers only come in a bag and form part of a complementary feeding system. However, balancers can also include feed licks and comprehensive powdered supplements.

There is no one-size-fits-all when it comes to the form of balancer you feed and there are options available to suit a variety of routines. When selecting a balancer, consider not only the purchase cost but also the ancillary requirements, whether that be time and frequency of feeding, storage conditions, or dedicated feeding equipment.

Balancers are not miracle cures – and must be fed in the appropriate daily amounts. They will fail to have the desired effect if they are underfed to cut costs. Equally, it's best to stick to one balancer rather than feeding a combination to prevent a potential oversupply of trace elements.

An ideal situation is to provide horses free access to balancers alongside their forage in a trickle-feeding fashion rather than in a once- or twice-daily hit.

Like all complementary feeds, it is important that balancers are not wasted, so they need to be palatable for the duration of time that they are available to the horse.

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FORMULATED IN THE UK

HORSLYX Balancers have been carefully formulated to balance the deficiencies in forage and grazing. Consumed in lick format, they promote a natural trickle-feeding pattern that allows the horse to self-regulate and ingest when required. This is a unique and innovative approach to ensuring that the modern horse receives an ideal supply of vitamins, minerals and trace elements to support optimum health and vitality.

All Horslyx Balancers need to be licked, which takes patience and promotes saliva productions, which we know to have natural stomach acid-buffering and gastrointestinal tract-lubricating benefits. This leads to better digestion, less stress, and a healthier horse.

FIND THE RIGHT **HORSLYX** **BALANCER** FOR YOUR HORSE

HORSLYX Balancers are ideal for all equines, both competition and leisure, stabled and grass-kept, and are even suitable for laminitis-prone equines.



Horslyx Original Balancer is suitable for all horses, from those at rest requiring a low-calorie diet to performance horses who may require additional supplementation to meet their nutritional requirements.



Horslyx Mint Balancer, extra tasty and an ideal appetite stimulant, even for fussy equines.



Horslyx Mobility Balancer, which contains glucosamine HCl, MSM, omega 3 oils and a combination of powerful antioxidants, can equally help maintain healthy joints for the performance horse or as an aid for older horses.



Horslyx Respiratory Balancer provides a two-pronged approach to supporting a healthy respiratory system to support the airways and the high specification balancer package helps to maintain immunity.



Horslyx Pro Digest Balancer to support the digestive system from the stomach to the hindgut. Ingredients include slippery elm and seaweed meal as a source of mucilage.



Horslyx Garlic Balancer contains pure garlic oil to help provide a natural and effective way to help combat the problem of biting insects.