

## A Needed Solution

A NEEDED SOLUTION! By nature, horses evolved to eat grass, up to 16 hours a day. Many horses today do not have this option. As a result, horses constantly secrete high levels of gastric acid, often leading to stomach ulcers. Over 90% of race horses and 60% of show horses suffer from ulcers.

The act of chewing produces saliva, a natural antacid for horses. Vices such as cribbing, are often the result of horses with ulcers seeking comfort from not having food in their stomach.

However, grazing on pasture can also be problematic for horses. Laminitis and founder are just two health issues associated with grass and hay too rich in sugars.

Save Money, Time and Your Horse's Health! A Slow Down® Hay Feeder/Soaker isn't just a way to feed hay, it's an investment for you and your horse that will pay for itself in countless ways. This feeder will not only save you money by reducing many health risks for your horse, but also saving expensive hay, time cleaning and money repairing your barn. It will give you the freedom to spend more time doing the things you enjoy instead! Let us show you!

A Messy Eater? Quality hay can run \$0.13 lb.\* Horses are usually fed 20-30 lbs a day, often wasting 10 lbs. That's \$474 a year! \*Iowa State University The Slow Down® Feeder keeps hay clean and dry and away from pawing hooves, urine and manure, saving you money and precious time cleaning stalls!

Colic? - The cost of colic surgery, depending where in the intestine the problem occurred, according to can run between \$2500 - \$7,000 . \*Iowa State University. The Slow Dow® Feeder/Soaker can help prevent sand colic by keeping your horse from ingesting sand off the ground and the soaking device will assist your horse in consuming more water!

Gastric Ulcers? \*A monthly medication regiment to treat gastric ulcers for the average warmblood costs \$40-\$60 a day or \$1,120 - \$1,680 per treatment \*Dressage Today. The Slow Down® Hay Feeder/Soaker helps treat and prevent ulcers by simulating grazing. It keeps food in front of your horse longer, thus keeping the amount of acid build up to minimum!

Laminitis or Founder? The initial vet call, course of treatment and frequent farrier visits: \$200 a month or \$2,400 per year \*Equus Magazine. The Slow Down® Feeder reduces the amount of rich hay eaten at a time, additionally, the soaking feature can reduce the amount of sugar in hay that can be so dangerous for horses who suffer from laminitis and are at risk for founder.

Cribbing? Consider the cost and time spent to repair stall walls and fences in addition to the numerous devices and remedies that usually fail. Surgery that can remove nerves in the neck to correct the problem: \$1,200-\$2,500. ~\*Texas A&M University The Slow Down® Feeders/Soaker keeps your horse occupied longer by eating hay slowly, thus keeping him satisfied longer and less apt to become bored and develop bad habits such as cribbing!