

# THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF CHRONIC DEFICIENCY SYNDROME

**WARNING:** If your horse is an “easy keeper”, and his nutrient requirements are not being met, over time he will become less healthy – and could well “self-destruct.”

Nutritional deficiency unsoundness is a very common affliction among “easy keepers” resulting in decreased performance. And, because your horse may be imperceptibly unsound in his breathing, structural or body transfer systems, you may not know that he is not giving you his best.

In examining the label of commercial feeds, the feeding instructions typically say to feed anywhere from ½-1 ½ pounds of feed per 100 pounds of body weight. So if your horse weighs 1,000 pounds you will need to give from 5-15 pounds of feed a day – just to meet his minimum requirements.

The truth is that many owners of easy keepers are giving their horses only a handful of feed because a full ration would make the horse morbidly obese (this is because the vitamin/mineral portion is tied in with the calories). This will NOT give him the nutrition that he needs! Obviously he is getting the calories needed, but not the vitamins, minerals or amino acids needed to sustain optimal health and soundness.

In this scenario, there is a sinister degeneration that takes place inside the body of your horse, and it may not become apparent until years later. When symptoms do start to arise, they can appear as any number of so-called diseases or syndromes.

**CUSHING 'S DISEASE:** A very popular diagnosis, costing thousands of dollars per year to treat. In most instances the symptoms are preventable. Lack of iodine in the horse's diet can cause the thyroid to shut down, given the proper balance of other vitamins and mineral to support the thyroid (including iodine) these symptoms can be reversed. That does NOT mean you should go out and buy an iodine supplement. You MUST have the support and balance of the other nutrients in a specially designed nutrient package!

**BONE FRACTURES:** As horses age and are not given the correct amount of nutrition, bones become brittle. This is why you see more fractures in older horses – but most are absolutely preventable when nutrition is correctly balanced. In the same way (by not having correct nutrition) your horse can develop an insidious shifting lameness, diagnosed as “unsound due to unspecified causes,” costing you thousands of dollars before this final verdict.

**EPSM:** In our opinion, EPSM is not a disease, but a simple malnutrition. Even though the horse looks well on the outside, it is no indication of what is going on at the cellular level. It has been our experience that EPSM horses will recover when put on a correct nutritional system.

**EMND:** The term Equine Motor Neuron Disease is another misnomer as the exact cause of this condition has been proven to be low levels of vitamin E, among other nutrients, in the equine diet.

These and many other problems such as; tying up, contracted or hyperextended tendons, non-sweating, roached back, crooked legs, body soreness, pot belly, temperament problems, and so many others can be solved nutritionally. Whether

