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IBD in Horses



What is Inflammatory Bowel Disease?

Inflammatory bowel disease or IBD is a condition that can occur in humans, dogs, cats and horses. IBD simply refers to **a group of gastro-intestinal disorders** that causes irritation and inflammation of the mucous membranes of the digestive tract, specifically the small and large intestines as well as the regional lymph nodes.

Equine inflammatory bowel disease results in a number of digestive symptoms including abdominal pain or colic, constipation, chronic diarrhea, bloating, and flatulence. Other **symptoms include weight loss, recurrent episodes of colic, hypoproteinemia** (abnormally low level of protein in the blood) as well as generalized sin problems.

What Causes Inflammatory Bowel Disease?

As with human inflammatory bowel disease, the cause of IBD in horses is not fully understood. There do however seem to be a **number of contributing factors** which seem to exacerbate the condition. These include poor diet, stress, allergies (particularly food allergies), continual use of antibiotics, viral and bacterial infections, and parasites.

Diagnosing Inflammatory Bowel Disease

If your horse shows signs of signs of IBD then you should always call your local veterinarian. Chronic inflammatory bowel disease **is a serious condition in horses** and it can cause repeated bouts of colic which can be incredibly painful and dangerous.

Your vet will take a thorough history and will check for the presence of thickened bowel or enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes on rectal palpation. Blood tests may also be necessary to **determine low serum protein concentration** which is often a symptom of IBD. In some cases as intestinal or rectal biopsy may also be advised.

Help for Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Treatment of colic often involves **medications such as corticosteroids, metronidazole**, and the antimetabolite “azathioprine”. Unfortunately, many of these medications have limited success rates in IBD for horses.

In addition to medications, your vet may also suggest a change in diet and feeding routine. Frequent **feeding of good-quality, high-energy feeds have been**

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shown to help. Surgery may be an option in cases where only a small accessible portion of the intestine is affected.

Natural Remedies

IBD can be a very difficult condition to manage and as it so frequently causes colic, many horse owners are constantly worried about the next episode. Natural ingredients can be used to help to **reduce symptoms and help to relieve colic** when it does occur.

Homeopathic ingredients such as Chamomilla are incredibly soothing and can help to **ease stomach pain and discomfort.** Chamomilla is also often used to treat colic in babies and to aid in optimal digestion. Another useful ingredient is Aconitum nap which is frequently recommended to calm gastro-intestinal disturbances.

Belladonna can be used to **ease stomach cramps, and spasm** caused by digestive disturbance. The ingredients Colocynth and Nux vom have been used for centuries to treat colic pains and digestive complaints.

Tips for inflammatory bowel disease

- The first thing to consider if your horse has IBD is the diet they are currently eating. An immune intolerance can be caused by certain foods and you may need to eliminate something from your horse's diet. Always opt for a high quality diet that is high in roughage and low in concentrates, sugars and starches. Ask your vet to recommend the best diet for your horse.
- Parasites are a common trigger for IBD, and so it is essential to have your horse on an appropriate parasite control. Regular fecal examinations can help to determine the efficacy of your parasite control.
- Help your horse to de-stress as stress is a suspected trigger of IBD. Pay special attention during transportation, show time, during heavy work loads, or while your horse adjusts to a new home as these are often times of stress for your horse. Horses with anxious or shy disposition are also extremely sensitive to change and may need a few extra measures to help calm them.
- Try to feed your horse small amounts more frequently, rather than supplying one large meal.
- If you need to change your horse's diet, do so gradually. The same applies if you need to change your horses feeding routine.

The Natural Approach

While Western medicine has become the norm in many cultures, it is not the only treatment option. Conventional western medicine, often called allopathic medicine, is the system of medicine taught at most medical schools and most pharmaceutical and synthetic medicines are manufactured and marketed according to the principles of allopathic medicine. Allopathic medicine is also sometimes called orthodox medicine.

Because most of us in the Western world have grown up in a society in which allopathic medicine is the prevailing norm, we forget that, only a few decades ago, homeopathic, herbal and other natural medicines were commonly available – and



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All of our natural remedies are formulated by our expert team of herbalists, naturopaths and homeopaths, and headed by Michele Carelse.

Michele has had years of experience in the manufacturing and use of natural remedies for both people and pets. In addition, she is a trained Clinical Psychologist and has been incorporating natural remedies into her treatment of patients with depression, anxiety, ADD, ADHD and stress for many years with spectacular results.

freely used even by conventional doctors and veterinarians. While there are often heated debates about which system of medicine is 'better' than the other, many responsible doctors and vets (whether they are allopathic or not) recognize that both have a role to play in the treatment program.

Just like humans, domesticated animals like dogs and cats are affected by the health hazards of modern living. Pollution, poor nutrition, stress and unhealthy lifestyles can lead to a variety of illnesses and conditions that are very similar to those experienced by humans. In fact, many, if not most pet health concerns can be addressed by helping your pets to live a healthier lifestyle. While it has its place, conventional medicine for animals and 'modern technology' have failed our pets in many ways.

According to pet expert and author CJ Puotinen, most holistic veterinarians and animal health care professions list annual vaccinations and commercial pet foods as the major contributory cause in the rising rates of chronic illness in pets today. Similarly, Juliette de Bairacli Levy, respected author and renowned animal breeder, points out that contrary to the belief that mass vaccination and antibiotic use will contribute to a decrease in disease, the opposite has in fact proved true. Like their human counterparts, today's pets are becoming more and more vulnerable to chronic disease and ill health. This has led many veterinarians to search for alternatives and to espouse more holistic methods of keeping our pets healthy.

"In the wild, animals instinctively seek out healing herbs to help them when they are ill or undernourished. In fact, Asclepius, the ancient Greek god of medicine, respected dogs very highly for their ability to seek out and eat medicinal herbs in the wild. This ability is shared by other animals, including cats. We are coming to realize that nature often has the answers - but animals have always known this! Natural medicine can help your pet just as it can help you. While there is always a place for conventional veterinary medicine, natural medicine can compliment conventional veterinary care and in many cases do just as well. I have applied the same care and research that have gone into our Native Remedies range for adults and children to the development of pet-friendly, safe and effective natural remedies for animals. As always, all remedies are formulated to the highest therapeutic standards and manufactured under strict pharmaceutical conditions for your peace of mind and the well being of your pets. " Michele Carelse, Clinical Psychologist.

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Dr. Glenn Ferguson
M-Tech Homeopathy, Doctor of Chinese Medicine

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acute colic in horses

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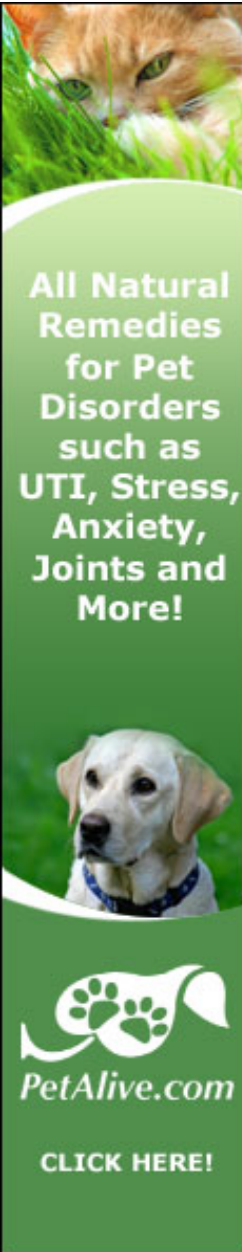
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