

Farriers Choice

Farriers Choice is a complementary feed with a unique combination of biotin, D-L Methionine, lysine sulphur-rich MSM, the seaweed *Ascophyllum nodosum*, plus essential microminerals zinc and copper, which provide the building blocks for hoof horn and supports the manufacture of keratin (the protein of the hoof wall). Farriers Choice maintains hoof quality by supporting good growth and contributing towards strong, resilient hard hoof horn.

Biotin is included at a high concentration, Clinical studies suggest an improvement in hoof quality, condition and growth rate from long-term feeding of biotin to horses with hoof horn problems (Comben et al., 1984; Buffa et al., 1992; Geyer & Schulze, 1994; Josseck et al., 1995; Zenker et al., 1995; Reilly et al., 1998). Biotin needs to be fed ongoing for horses prone to hoof problems. Zinc and copper are essential microminerals that are key for healthy hoof horn and are deficient in forages. Supplementation of zinc is worthwhile because low quality hoof horn and white line disease can be linked to suboptimal zinc intakes (Coenen & Spitzlei, 1997; Hihami, 1999).

Seaweed is a traditional supplement for healthy hooves. Seaweed is rich in iodine, which counteracts the natural deficiencies in forage. Dietary iodine shortage causes coarse, dry keratinised tissues (Safer, 2011), which affects the hair, skin and hooves.



MSM and methionine are rich sources of sulphur which is an integral part of the hoof protein keratin, so supplementation can improve intrinsic tensile strength of hoof horn. The unique formulation of Farriers Choice promotes hoof growth, improves bonding within the hoof wall and contributes towards resilience and hardness of the hoof horn. It is ideal for horses prone to cracks, splitting and crumbling of the hoof horn, where slow growth is a problem, and for those with brittle or soft hoof walls.

Presentation

Powder in container with re-sealable bag with measuring scoop

Feeding Recommendations (for an adult horse 500kg)

Administration : Give 30g daily (3 level scoops)

Days Supply* (Maintenance)

1.2kg - 40 days