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Is your horse suddenly exhibiting fizzy or unsettled behaviour on rides?

Does your horse have loose or foul smelling droppings or loss of appetite?

Spring is here and so is the increased grass growth. Recent research shows that increased consumption of pasture rich in fructan, a sugar found in new grass, can lower the pH of the hind gut. The acidosis upsets the normal microorganisms in the gut as well as damaging the gut wall.

Hind gut acidosis is often associated with low grade laminitis, hot or unsettled behaviour, loose stools, weight loss, poor appetite and condition, and colic symptoms.

A diagnosis of this condition is difficult and is generally done through a process of elimination. We are getting good feedback on a new product called **Equishure** recently introduced by Kentucky Equine Research to the New Zealand market. **Equishure** is a time release hind gut buffer contains an encapsulated form of sodium bicarbonate. This means that the sodium bicarbonate is not neutralised by acid in the stomach, allowing it to get through to the hindgut and help correct the acidosis.

If you are interested to learn more about this great product, stop into our clinic and pick up a brochure today.