



Probiotics for Foals and Broodmares

A horse's digestive tract contains billions of live microbes which play a crucial role in ensuring proper digestion of feed. The microbes in the gut also play an important role in ensuring that foals develop a healthy immune system.

Probiotics for foals

Foals are born without any of these microbes in their gut. Good and bad bacteria quickly move into the gut once the foal is born. A fine balance is set up which can easily be disrupted, leading to scouring, slow growth and other health problems.

Feeding probiotics from birth protects the foal from bad bacteria, improves the health of the foal by enabling better digestion of feed and makes the transition from milk to solid feed easier.

Probiotics for broodmares

Broodmares fed probiotics withstand the stress of foaling better and are more likely to produce healthier, more vigorous foals. This is because probiotics encourages a better quality of colostrum. Colostrum is a yellow coloured milk that the foals receive when they are first born that contains antibodies to protect the newborn foal against diseases.

When broodmares are given the probiotic Protexin during the late stages of pregnancy the number of foals born with low immunity is reduced due to the improved activity of the broodmare's immune system.

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For more information on Protexin and using probiotics for foals and broodmares visit www.iahp.com.au or call International Animal Health on 1800 801 201.



What is a good probiotic for Broodmares and Foals?

Protexin contains billions of naturally occurring and beneficial live bacteria essential for intestinal good health. Protexin is available in a liquid, soluble, powder and paste. Protexin is an Australian made probiotic that is approved for use in horses and foals. The NSW department of Agriculture has recommended the use of Protexin in newborn foals.