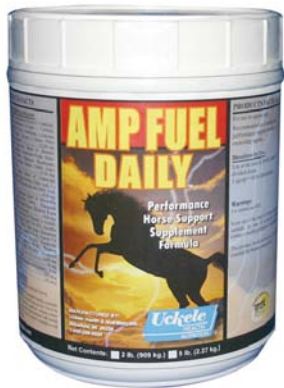
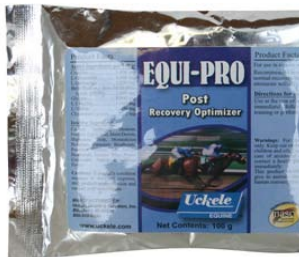


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This month and next month, we focus on Joint Products/Anti-Inflammatory Products.

There are a number of factors that can considerably affect health and overall performance in a horse. These are classified as psychological factors, mechanical or biomechanical factors (shoes...), pharmacological agents, physiological improvements, and nutritional supplements.



There are also symptoms of arthritis that can slow the ability of a horse to perform: 1) Stiffness and Lameness; 2) Excess Fluid and Swelling in a joint; 3) Pain reaction; 4) Agitated Behavior; and 5) Unwillingness to perform.

To address those problems, there are different products available in the market, such as:



I - Injectables joint supplements and here is the list of some of well-known ones with Hyaluronic Acid (HA): 1) Legend (Bayer); 2) Adequan (Luitpold); 3) Hyvisc (Boehringer); 4) Polyglycan (Arthrodynamic); 5) Ichon (Kinetic); 6) Hylartin V (Pfizer).

These products benefit the joints by:

- Lubricating soft tissue of the joint;
- Reducing the inflammation;
- Allieving pain and reducing friction;
- Improving joint action.

II - Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID) include and just to name a few: 1) Aspirin from various manufacturers; 2) Flunixin Meglumine/Banamine (Schering-Plough); 3) Dexamethasone; 4) Ketofen/Ketoprofen from various manufacturers; 5) Flucort (Pfizer-Ft D); 6) Meloxicam; 7) Phenylbutazone (Schering and others); 8) Prevail (VetOne); 9) Traumeel inj(Heel) and 10) Vetalog (Ft-Dodge).

These NSAIDs products have **analgesic** (relieve pain), **anti-pyretic** (fever-reducing) and **anti-inflammatory** properties

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