

NEWSLETTER

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BAILEYS EQUINE UPDATE

Dr. Baileys will be in Thermal during the following dates in February!

Week 3 | Tuesday 1/29-Sunday 2/3

Week 4 | Wednesday 2/6-Sunday 2/10



Call or Text to schedule an appointment at 949-212-2530.

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Managing EQUINE GASTRIC ULCER SYNDROME

Horses are predisposed to suffering from gastric ulcers in part because they secrete stomach acid 24/7 – a result of evolving while eating multiple small meals throughout the day. With current horse management practices focused on giving 2-3 larger meals per day, combined with stress of shipping and intense exercise, it has been shown that

up to 93% of performance horses suffer from gastric ulcers.

Prevention of gastric ulcers in sport horses should focus first on offering **SMALLER MORE FREQUENT FORAGE MEALS** and reducing the amount of grain concentrates in the horse's diet. **ALFALFA** can be incorporated as well, as it is high in calcium and acts as a natural buffer to stomach acid.

Treatment of gastric ulcers can consist of various protocols, often including a combination of Omeprazole, Sucralfate, and Ranitidine.

There is **new research** showing promising results by treating gastric ulcers with a combination of Omeprazole and Fenbendazole, an anti-parasitic medication. It is thought that these medications work synergistically to more quickly & effectively heal gastric ulcers.

If you are concerned about gastric ulcers and want to learn more about prevention and treatment, contact Dr. Baileys to schedule an appointment and develop a therapeutic and/or prevention plan for your horses.

TREATMENT

SPOTLIGHT

COLD LASER THERAPY

Laser therapy is an effective treatment with many different applications in the performance horse.

Cold Laser Therapy is a form of photo-therapy used to stimulate healing and provide pain management by

INCREASING:

- Circulation
- Collagen production (tissue repair)
- Endorphins/Naturally-Occurring Pain Relievers



Laser Therapy is often used in conjunction with acupuncture to provide a whole body treatment to reduce inflammation and muscle soreness in our hard working sport horses during competition.

Dr. Baileys is available for Cold Laser Therapy appointments throughout the HITS Thermal Desert Circuit.