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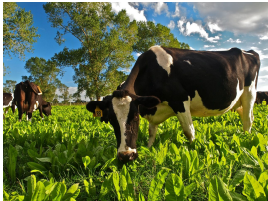
NEWSLETTER

April 2019

How do you know a cow is happy and healthy? By the smile?

No, she has horizontal lines that are right down the side of her ribs. It looks like you took your fingertips and raked down the side of the cow's ribs from front to back.

A glossy coat means the cow is getting good nutrition and a left side that's nicely rounded means the cow has a good rumen fill. When a farmer sees the ridges on a cow's abdomen called happy lines, it's the best sign for a healthy, well fed cow.



Mixed species pasture with increased herbal content are a natural way to keep your animals and your clients happy and healthy alike.

Please feel free to contact Maren or Bruce for more information and a quote.

Gut Health

Nutritional supplements such as Vetpro Digest Rite sport and Equishure are designed to help horses break down soluble sugars found in young grasses (autumn and spring) and grains effectively. Various prebiotics and digestive enzymes enhance digestion to prevent Hindgut Acidosis which can lead to Laminitis and behavioural changes.

Additionally toxin binder, silicate oxide (vetpro), bind harmful fungal and grass toxins to prevent ryegrass staggers with horses grazing problem pastures.

Maxia Complete supports the health of the entire digestive tract including stomach and hindgut.

A horse that feels well has less behaviour issues and performs better.

Always read the label and consult a veterinarian if unsure.



Did you know Kiwi Seeds Equine pasture mix does not contain any ryegrass or clover?
Food for thought.

Magnesium supplements

The element Magnesium plays an important part in nerve and muscle function.

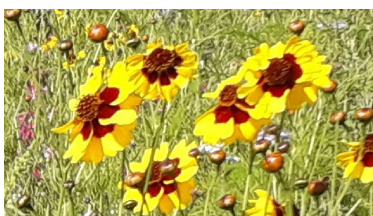
Magnesium supplements have been reported to have a calming effect as well as being beneficial for obese horses and those predisposed to grass induced laminitis.

Supplementation of magnesium in a deficient horse will have a huge effect on its wellbeing.

The magnesium requirement of a typical horse was put at 13 milligrams per kilogram of bodyweight per day. Horses that are growing, lactating or in work will use more each day.

There are different sources of Magnesium available. Magnesium oxide provides the greatest available amount of magnesium and is considered a very good source.

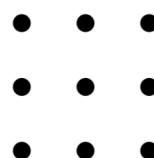
A blood test is recommended, if not supplement at no more than the recommended rate and monitor the result.



*Sow wildflowers now
for early spring colour
and bee fodder.*

Small packets available
in store.

Use only 4 straight lines to
connect all of the 9 circles.



Answer to last months
quiz is 81.

$$20 + 20 + 20 = 60$$

$$20 + 5 + 5 = 30$$

$$5 - 2 = 3$$

$$1 + 20 \times 4 = 81$$

Out in the garden

April

Autumn is the best time to plant new trees and shrubs including roses, so they can get established over the cooler winter months.

Soil

Kiwi Seed garden pellets contain lime and can easily be added prior to planting where soil pH needs to be raised. Most fruit trees like the soil pH between 6 and 6.5 but there are exceptions like blueberries which prefer much more acidic soils. Compost/ pine mulch, elemental sulphur or nitrogen based fertiliser will lower the pH level.

Prune back flowering shrubs, dead head established roses and others to maintain size also to prevent plants from becoming too dense and to encourage new blooms. If you haven't planted any spring bulbs yet, now is your last chance to do so. Feed Citrus with Citrus fertiliser to promote healthy autumn growth. Remember to protect next year's fruit crop against leaf curl, leaf blight, leaf spot, mildew black spot and citrus scab by removing all diseased plant tissue (leaves, branches etc) and applying copper and/or sulphur based products at recommended rates after rains.

Lawns

One of the best months for sowing a new lawn or patching the existing lawn is April. Soil temperatures are still warm enough and autumn rains are coming. Once established follow up with light application of lawn fertiliser especially if you want to control clovers without herbicide sprays (check Jan Newsletter.)

Veggies

Compost fallen leaves of healthy trees and spent cash crops like tomato's and corn. Start harvesting pumpkins as their veins begin to die off. Pumpkins should sound hollow when you gently knock. Keep a bit of stalk attached, pumpkins won't rot this way. Also start sowing snap peas, broad beans and cover-crops to feed your soil such as Oats, Lupins, Mustard and Clovers.

Kiwi Seed Garden pellets – a Gardeners dream

Kiwi Seed's garden pellets contain no hidden nasty chemicals. They are made purely with broll, lime and meat and bone. Use 1-2 cups per sqm depending on your soil state.

Available in store.



Fiber Earth Garden Mix Plus

Boosts garden fertility, improves soil structure and moisture retention, helps to control weeds through mulching effect.

Fiber Earth Garden mix plus is free from additives and fertiliser, easy to use anywhere in your garden.

Boost the immune system naturally

Garlic Granules:

Natural antibiotic, anti fungal and anti parasitic properties, great preventative herb assisting in recovery from illness.

Diamond V Original XPC Yeast:

Rich source of vitamins and minerals to strengthen the immune system, beneficial for the function & balance of the nervous system.

Suitable for all types of animals, available in 0.5kg and 1kg bags.



Gabriele Meermann



Samuel Showman

Duck shooting special available at Kiwi Seed

Barley, Ryecorn, Oats, Peas 25kg

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