

What About Cushings?

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The apparent increase in Cushings disease in horses may be over diagnosed. The horses ability to utilize carbohydrates is compromised. The carbohydrates in question are so called non-structural carbohydrates namely sugars and starches (carbohydrates that are stored vs structural such as cellulose). It appears that the problem is not unlike type II diabetes in humans.

Horses that are overfed and under worked seem to be most prone to the problem.

When fibrous carbohydrates are fed, they end up in the body as fatty acids rather than sugar.

The majority of horses seem to be idle horses rather than working horses.

Nature does not waste energy you either burn it or store it.