



# SPRING NEWS

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## LAMINITIS WATCH

It's universally agreed that laminitis is a complex problem for which there is no one answer, but advice is that horses be fed a low starch, low sugar, high fibre diet, thus reducing energy intake but maintaining fibre levels. It is also advisable to avoid too much lush Spring grass. For more information on laminitis, go to our website, [www.badmintonfeeds.co.uk](http://www.badmintonfeeds.co.uk), and read David Bardell's Veterinary Column article of April 2009. You will find it under the 'Feeding Advice' button.



We can offer the horse owner a selection of products, suitable for use in a laminitis management programme.

**Badminton Easy Rider** is one of our long fibre feeds. It is low in starch with no added sugar, no alfalfa and no barley. Easy Rider has the correct balance of fibre and feed already mixed together in one bag. Pure dried British-grown grass and oat straw provide slow release energy and small pellets contain a full vitamin and mineral pack to meet your horse's daily needs when fed at the recommended rates. A natural blend of essential oils is added to enhance fibre digestion, as well as extra biotin for hoof condition.

**Badminton High Fibre Complete** is high in fibre (19%) and low in starch. It is ideal for feeding to natives and good doers as well as horses and ponies under a laminitis management programme. The chunky nugget form means you can feed them from the ground—the natural way to feed a horse.

**Badminton Evenkeel** is a low starch, low energy balancer which provides significant levels of vitamins, minerals and essential amino acids to supplement and balance a forage-based diet. It is also excellent for natives and good doers. This economic balancer offers true value for money in today's balancer market.



## PADDOCK CARE

Now is the time to make a careful inspection of your paddock. If there is a lot of poaching, a complete reseed to provide fresh new grass is really your only option.

**Badminton Paddock Herbal Grass Mixture** is a specially selected blend of hard-wearing grasses and herbs to provide excellent grazing from Spring to Autumn, high quality hay production and natural nutrition for your horse. Timothy and Ryegrass provide the forage, whilst Fescues, Meadow Grass and Bentgrass 'tie' the turf together so it can repair itself after damage. Yarrow, Sainfoin and Burnet, not only provide minerals to enhance your horse's diet but also improve drainage with their deep roots. It is available in a handy acre (14 kg) pack (RRP £52.95).



## BEST POSSIBLE START



**Badminton's Stud & Yearling Mix** is an energy dense mix, which has been scientifically formulated for pregnant and lactating mares. This tasty mix contains full fat soya to supply essential amino acids, including lysine and methionine to ensure the foal's potential for growth is not limited. It is fully fortified with vitamins and minerals to meet the mare and foal's high nutritional requirements, and has optimum levels of calcium and phosphorus for bone growth and development.

This tasty mix is also ideal for working stallions and can be fed to foals from three months, weanlings and yearlings up to two years of age.



