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EQUINE LAMINITIS ADVICE

Clinical signs of acute laminitis

- Raised digital pulses
- Hot hooves
- Stilted walk
- Shifting weight from foot to foot
- Increased lying down

Signs of severe laminitis

- Sweating, groaning, increased breathing + heart rate → can be confused with colic, foaling, tying up
- Reluctance to move
- Unable to lift feet
- Prolonged lying down

What to do

- Take horse off pasture/remove from cause of laminitis
- Call your Vet (01608 730085)
- Restrict exercise (box rest)
- Restrict diet – low energy, high fibre forage (eg. soaked hay) fed little and often
- DO NOT starve fat ponies and horses
- Foot support – provide shavings bedding at least 40-50cm deep
- Await Vet to administer treatment

Prevention of laminitis

- Identify at risk individuals – fat ponies, Cushings disease ponies
- Dietary management during at risk periods of Autumn and Spring



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