



11 commonly asked questions about InsulinWise®

You and your clients asked the questions, we have the answers!

1) Question: Is it safe to feed InsulinWise® along with other medications typically prescribed to horses with equine metabolic syndrome?

Answer: Yes. InsulinWise can be fed along with frequently prescribed medications such as levothyroxine sodium, metformin, firocoxib, phenylbutazone, and pergolide mesylate.

2) Question: What is the NSC value of InsulinWise?

Answer: The NSC level in InsulinWise is less than 4.6% with an ESC of 2.5%.

3) Question: How much InsulinWise should I feed my small pony or mini?

Answer: Feed 1 scoop per day to ponies and minis.

4) Question: If 1 scoop of InsulinWise per day is good, are 2 scoops per day even better?

Answer: Our research showed that there was no significant improvement in response when double the dose was provided.

5) Question: How soon should I see a difference in my horse after he starts eating InsulinWise?

Answer: There is a lot of individual variation in how quickly horses respond to InsulinWise. Veterinarians in the field report that some horses are less footsore within 2 weeks of starting on InsulinWise. A change in body condition can take longer, up to several months.

The best way to determine if InsulinWise is working is to run an OST (oral sugar test) prior to supplementation, and then compare the results to a test taken after at least 6 weeks of supplementation. Single-sample baseline insulin tests are not the best indicator of insulin status. Normal sample variations can lead to a misinterpretation of response.

6) Question: Can InsulinWise be given in conjunction with supplements containing chromium or herbs?

Answer: InsulinWise can also be used in conjunction with chromium and herbal-based supplements, although the mode of action in InsulinWise is research-proven to impact insulin sensitivity, making the additional supplements unnecessary.



7) Question: Can InsulinWise be mixed with water or unsweet applesauce and dosed with an oral syringe?

Answer: Yes, it can. Mix the InsulinWise with your carrier of choice and dose immediately. Do not pre-mix and allow to sit for more than an hour. The daily dose can be split and given twice a day if helpful.

8) Question: My horse is doing so much better since he has been taking InsulinWise. Can I turn him out on pasture now?

Answer: While InsulinWise supports an increase in insulin sensitivity, it does not cure insulin resistance. We do not recommend that horses diagnosed with IR return to normal grazing activities. Grazing should be limited by using a muzzle or dry lot to reduce intake.



9) Question: Since being on InsulinWise my horse has dropped weight. I don't want him to get thin, so can I increase the amount of hay he is getting?

Answer: InsulinWise helps horses use glucose in a more normal manner so that they stop accumulating excess fat in an unhealthy way. Once a horse attains a healthy weight it is okay to slowly increase the amount of hay offered so that the horse continues to maintain that healthy weight. The hay offered should have an NSC value of 12% or less (10% is best). Aim to feed between 1.25% to 2% of your horse's body weight in hay per day, but only feed the amount needed to maintain a healthy weight.

10) Question: My horse is eating hay and InsulinWise but nothing else. Is he getting all the nutrients he needs?

Answer: Horses eating an all-hay diet should be supplemented with a vitamin and mineral pellet to provide the nutrients naturally missing from hay. We recommend NutrientWise™. NutrientWise was specifically developed to fill the gaps in an all-forage diet. It contains natural vitamin E and chelated minerals that are easy to absorb and utilize. It will not add additional sugar or calories.

11) Question: Can my horse develop a tolerance to InsulinWise? He was doing well, but now he seems to be gaining weight again.

Answer: No, horses do not develop a tolerance to InsulinWise; however, metabolic syndrome is a progressive disease that can slowly get worse over time. If a horse begins to gain weight or show signs of laminitis, review the diet to be sure the amount of simple sugars or number of calories being consumed hasn't increased. Did you get in a new load of hay? Is the hole in your horse's muzzle getting bigger? Are you exercising your horse less? Check to see if PPID has become a complicating factor.

InsulinWise powder is supplemented at a rate of 28 grams (1 scoop) per day.

InsulinWise pellet is supplemented at a rate of 56 grams (1 scoop) per day.

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