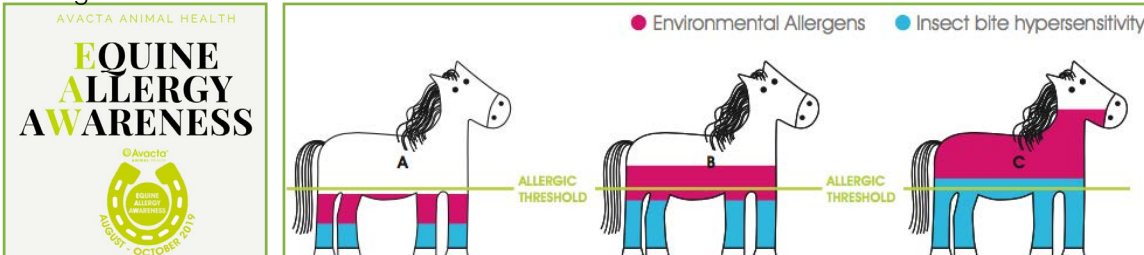


NEWSLETTER

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EQUINE ALLERGY AWARENESS

Avacta Animal Health are running Equine Allergy Week (EAW) from August to October 2019. EAW is designed to help raise awareness of the common signs associated with equine allergies, and understand the valuable role allergy testing can play in both the work-up and management of these cases.



ALLERGIC THRESHOLD

The varying allergic reactions we see between different horses are in part down to something called the 'allergic threshold'. This is the term used to describe the point at which you start to see the symptoms associated with allergy, for example itching or coughing. How quickly this threshold is reached will vary between horses. For some, one single allergen, perhaps midges biting (a type of insect hypersensitivity) or grass pollen (an environmental hypersensitivity) may be enough to push that particular horse over its threshold. For another horse it may be the accumulative effect of multiple allergens that push them above the allergic threshold resulting in the symptoms you see.

REASON FOR TESTING

It is really important that as many allergens as possible are identified and addressed with the aim of bringing the horse as far under its threshold as possible. This helps to decrease symptoms and, just as importantly, reduce the risk of flare ups.

Allergy - an overreaction by your horse's immune system resulting in the over production of antibodies and ultimately the occurrence of symptoms

Allergen - a substance which causes your horse's immune system to over produce antibodies

DOES THIS RELATE TO YOUR HORSE?

Do you think your horse may suffer from an allergy? Contact the practice for more information if you would like to book an appointment or would like further information on the treatments available. Testing will require a blood sample to be taken and sent off for analysis.

WE HAVE GOT A GREAT RANGE OF ARTICLES ON THIS TOPIC AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONTACT THE PRACTICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE SENT FURTHER INFORMATION VIA EMAIL.

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SYMPTOMS OF ALLERGY

SKIN - itching, hives, rashes

TUMMY - loose droppings, long-term weight loss

BREATHING - long-term cough, increased effort to breath, reduced ability to exercise



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