Trickle Feeding Horses

Pasture & Horse Health

On the first day of Christmas, give your horse a gift to help manage his feeding regimen. If you feed horses, you may have tried various methods to reduce the amount of hay they consume in a day. If your horse has a high hay intake and you are concerned about the amount he is eating, trickle feeding can be a good alternative to traditional hay feeding.

One method to reduce the amount of hay consumed by a horse is to use a hay net. However, the type of net chosen can influence how much hay is consumed. Slow feeder or hay nets designed to limit hay intake can be effective in helping to manage a horse's hay consumption. Slow feeder nets are designed to fill up as the horse consumes the hay, which requires the horse to work to access the hay. This can help to reduce the amount of hay consumed by the horse.

Hence, feeding the morning hay in a nibble net can keep the horse from completely consuming the hay in one sitting. This can encourage the horse to slow down and chew thoroughly, which can help to improve digestion.

By feeding a small amount of hay in the morning, the horse can have access to hay throughout the day and consume the hay at a slower pace. This can help to reduce the amount of hay consumed by the horse and may also benefit the horse's health and well-being.

Consider the use of nibble nets or fill nets for feeding horses. These can increase the time needed to consume hay and encourage the horse to slow down and chew thoroughly. These nets can also be useful for horses that are prone to overeating or have limited feeding time.

In addition to the type of net chosen, the amount of hay consumed can be influenced by the size of the horse. Larger horses may consume more hay than smaller horses. Additionally, the horse's health and activity level can also influence the amount of hay consumed.

It is important to monitor a horse's hay intake and adjust the feeding regimen as needed. If a horse is consuming too much hay, consider reducing the amount of hay or using a slow feeder or hay net to help manage the horse's hay intake.

On the second day of Christmas, give your horse a gift to help manage his health. The OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital offers a wide range of services to help keep your horse healthy and happy. Our team of veterinarians and staff are committed to providing exceptional care for your horse.

The OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital includes specialists in various areas of equine medicine and surgery. Our board certified specialists in other areas of the hospital include radiology, reproduction, internal medicine, cardiology, ophthalmology, dentistry, alternative medicine, geriatric care, orthopedics, dentistry, and dermatology. We also offer cardiology, orthopedics, and dentistry services.

Members of our faculty have special interests in sports medicine, equine surgery, neonatology, geriatric care, and rehabilitation. Our veterinarians are committed to excellence in horse health care and helping athletes perform to their potential.

As part of our commitment to excellence, we utilize imaging techniques such as ultrasonography, CT, MRI, and digital fluoroscopy. We also offer comprehensive medical and surgical care, as well as acupuncture and other therapeutic modalities to manage pain.

In addition to our veterinarians, we have licensed animal health technicians specifically trained in equine internal medicine. Our residents and senior veterinary students also assist our veterinarians and provide patient care.

Our services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including holidays. We are dedicated to serving horse owners and helping horses perform at their best.

Whether you are looking for an emergency service for your horse or need routine care, the OSU Veterinary Medical Hospital has the expertise and resources to help keep your horse healthy and happy. We are committed to providing exceptional care for your horse.