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## NEWSLETTER

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### *Equine Pasture for calm healthy horses.*

Here at Kiwi Seed we have invested time to design a herbal blend to compliment our Equine pasture mix. The Equine herb blend can be added to the equine pasture mix or be sown in a separate area of the paddock and treated as a hospital paddock. Both blends are non ryegrass, the herbal blend is non clover.

Pastures consisting almost exclusively of grasses tend to be bacterially dominant where as mixed pastures will have a more favourable balance of beneficial fungi, protozoa, micro-arthropods, ciliates, amoeba etc. A full spectrum of microbiology is essential for optimum livestock health.

At Kiwi Seed we have specialised in permanent non ryegrass mixes complimented by herbs to increase animal health and biodiversity. Best part of it, it actually works.

If you haven't already, now is the ideal time to sow your horse pasture.

### *Health Hazards for Horses in Autumn*

With more morning dews and regular autumn rains, lush new grass grows and the level of starch, sugar and fructans increase in the pasture. Horses are at risk of developing pasture associated laminitis especially if they already had the condition and are prone to it or are overweight.

If you are a first time horse owner before adjusting a feeding program for autumn/ winter, it is advisable to consult a veterinarian or an equine nutritionist.

Wet fall weather can cause trouble to horse's hooves. Mud mixed with Urine and Manure can lead to a nasty fungal infection.

Track your horse condition. It's important to apply simple rules during colder months. By feeding a well balanced diet in conjunction with dental and hoof care as well as by following a strategic worming regime that will help to keep your horse in good shape over winter.



### *Magnesium supplements*

The element Magnesium plays an important part in nerve and muscle function.

Magnesium supplements have been reported to have a calming effect as well as being beneficial for obese horses and those predisposed to grass induced laminitis.

Supplementation of magnesium in a deficient horse will have a huge effect on its wellbeing. The magnesium requirement of a typical horse was put at 13 milligrams per kilogram of body-weight per day. Horses that are growing, lactating, or in work will use more each day.

There are different sources of Magnesium available. Magnesium oxide provides the greatest available amount of magnesium and is considered a very good source.

A blood test is recommended, if not supplement at no more than the recommended rate and monitor the result.



Pic: [Horsetalk.co.nz](http://Horsetalk.co.nz)

### *Kiwi Seed Boutique horse feed in store*

Kiwi Seed with the help of a nutritionist have designed a range of boutique horse feed.

Multigrain Horse and Pony Meal is a complete feed suitable for Horses at different stages of life. Broodmare, lactating Mare and Foal as well as older horses do well on broodmare mix and lactating Mare feed.

Check instore what other products we have available.

Autumn time is an important time to prepare your horse for the colder months ahead.



Picture: <http://www.beaphotoninja.com>

## Out in the garden

April

This month is really about pruning, feeding and planting,

Autumn is the best time to plant new trees and shrubs including roses, so they can get established over the cooler winter months.

Adding Kiwi Seed Garden pellets or other long term fertilisers at planting time is recommended.

Prune back flowering shrubs, dead head established roses and others to maintain size also to prevent plants from becoming too dense and to encourage new blooms.

If you haven't planted any spring bulbs yet, now is your last chance to do so.

Feed Citrus with Citrus fertiliser to promote healthy autumn growth.

Remember to protect next years fruit crop against leaf curl, leaf blight, leaf spot, mildew black spot and citrus scab by applying copper and/or sulphur based products at recommended rates after rains.

### Lawns

One of the best months for sowing a new lawn or patching the existing lawn is April.

Soil temperatures are still warm enough and autumn rains are coming.

Once established follow up with light application of lawn fertiliser and keep controlling your weeds.

### Veggies

Compost fallen leaves of healthy trees and spent cash crops like tomato's and corn. Start harvesting pumpkins as their veins begin to die off. Pumpkins should sound hollow when you gently knock. Keep a bit of stalk attached, pumpkins won't rot this way.



Control your horses parasites by treating it with Ultra Mox and/ or Equitak Excel during the early autumn, both products are suitable for all Ages of Horses at this time of the year.

Find Ultra Mox and Equitak at our store close to the counter.

## Boost the immune system naturally

### Garlic Granules:

Natural antibiotic, anti fungal and anti parasitic properties, great preventative herb assisting in recovery from illness.



Gabriele Meermann

Celebrate the national Garlic day on 19th of April together with the people from the USA by cooking a flavour intense meal.

### Diamond V Original XPC Yeast:

Rich source of vitamins and minerals to strengthen the immune system, beneficial for the function & balance of the nervous system. Suitable for all types of animals, available in 0.5kg and 1kg bags



Samuel Showman

**Duck shooting special** Barley, Ryecorn, Oats, Peas 25kg available here at Kiwi Seed

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**Thank you from all at Kiwi Seed.**