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NEWSLETTER

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Spring Grass and Equine Health

This season, be mindful that higher sugar content and mineral imbalances in spring grass can cause digestive issues and increased risk of laminitis. Supplementing your horse's diet with mineral balancers or toxin binders can improve the health of the gut and aid digestion, combating or preventing the issues posed by spring grasses and contributing to the horse's overall well-being.



Calm Healthy Horses Graze-Ezy

A mineral balancer that counteracts the effects of high potassium in green grass.



Calm Healthy Horses ToxAll
 Aids in the management of adverse effects that may result from the presence of mycotoxins in hard-feed, along with chelated magnesium and vitamin B1.

VetPro Gut-Biotic

Contains a pre-biotic and pro-biotic to improve the gut microbiome. Also helps reduce the possibility of developing insulin resistance.



Vet-Pro Digest-Rite Sport+

3 digestive enzymes, a prebiotic, and a toxin binder improve digestion and prevent the absorption of toxins and excess lactic acid.



Seahorse Supplements Maxia Digest

Improves nutrient supply for hoof, skin, and coat health, supports immune system and healthy microbiome, and aids gastric buffering.



Seahorse Supplements Maxia Complete

Provides minerals to support the health of the entire digestive tract.



NZ Grown Equifibre Lucerne Pro 24 kg bags

A nutritious and palatable fibre supplement to complement the regular feeding regime.

New Products in Stock

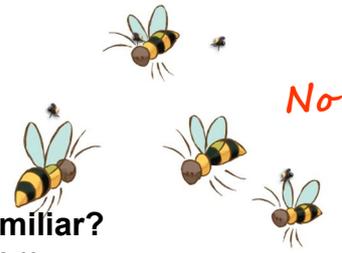


Daltons Goldcote
 Nutrient boost and long-term feeding for vegetables and herbs, gardens and landscapes

Daltons Premium Planter Tabs
 Complete fertiliser tablets
 Slow release with reduced leaching
 Feeds up to 12 months



Out in the garden



**My garden seems to be the neighbours cat litter box. Sound familiar?
Below are some ideas you could try to overcome the problem.**

- 1) Lay chicken wire down on top of your soil before you plant. Using wire cutters you will be able to open up pockets in the wire to plant into. Cats don't like walking on wire.
- 2) If you have already planted your beds spread mulch with sharp edged pinecones, egg shells, rose prunings or use a stone mulch– cats prefer to dig and poop in loose dirt.
- 3) Plant plants such as rue, lavender and pennyroyal between your other plants like mint, marigold. Cats don't like their smell.
- 4) There are water guns and ultra sound devices available in various garden centres.
- 5) Sprinkle paprika, pepper, chilly, coffee grounds and peels of oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit in your garden, these will need regular renewal.
- 6) Cover your garden area with nets.

There are a lot more ideas out there, whatever you do, a cat is a cat, please keep that in mind. After all it's the cat that keeps the mice away. Try different ways to prevent cats spraying and using your garden as a toilet without harming them.

Quick fun experiment for children to check the soil pH at home.

Checking Alkaline soil (above pH 7)

Take a small amount of soil in a mug add 2 spoonfuls of vinegar, mix in.

Now take a look at it– if you hear a bubbling noise and the mix stirs up, this means your soil is Alkaline

Reason: Because vinegar is acidic and if your soil is alkaline that stirs up the mix and bubbling noise will come.

Checking Acidic Soil (below pH 7)

Take a small amount of soil in a mug add 2 spoonfuls of baking soda, mix a bit of water in to make it muddy. Now take a look at it, if you hear a bubbling noise and the mix stirs up, this means your soil is Acidic

Reason: Baking soda is alkaline and if your soil is acidic this combination will stir up the mix and bubbling noise will come

If you haven't observed any bubbling noise and mix doesn't fizz in both of the tests that means your soil is **Neutral (pH 6-7.5).**

<https://balconygardenweb.com/how-to-check-your-garden-soil-at-home/>



Honey and Pearl

End of October, early November is traditional
Sweetcorn planting time.
Seed is available at Kiwi Seed!

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