

The Secret's Out!

It's a fact of life that trainers are always looking for that elusive 'secret' edge when trying to improve the performance of their horses. Well, according to a company called LifeSPRINGS, that secret is now in the open. Colloidal Minerals for Horses, a trace mineral supplement naturally derived from prehistoric plant matter, looks set to make quite an impact among racehorse trainers.

Here's why: Minerals are essential nutrients for both man and animals. Every living cell in the body is dependent on minerals for proper function and structure, and are vital components of body tissues and fluids, and work in combination with enzymes, hormones, vitamins and transport substances.

"Sub-clinical" trace mineral deficiencies are very common in domestic animals including horses. These deficiencies are often not recognised by horse owners and trainers, as no specific symptoms of an obvious "disease" may be seen, and are not usually detected by routine blood tests.

Horses with trace mineral deficiencies may show the following symptoms:

- Dull, rough hair coat
- Brittle, crumbly hooves
- Less than optimum body condition and muscle mass
- Muscle disorders such as "tying-up"
- Nervous, highly strung behaviour
- Poor athletic performance
- Recurring or prolonged viral infections
- Reduced fertility in both mares and stallions

The mineral content of the soil has become depleted in many regions due to continual cropping and the over-use of fertilisers that only replace the major minerals such as nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Once the mineral content of the soil is depleted this can, in turn, lead to lower mineral levels in the crops and pastures grown on these soils.

Plants absorb metallic minerals from the soil through their roots and convert them into a "colloidal" form. A colloid is a gel-like microscopic particle that is in suspension in either a solid, liquid or gas. Importantly, plant-derived colloidal minerals are water-soluble and are highly absorbable from the gastrointestinal tract due to their molecular structure, minute particle size and bioelectric negative charge. As a result, Colloidal minerals are reported to be up to ten times more absorbable from the gastrointestinal tract compared with metallic, inorganic minerals!

LifeSPRINGS Colloidal Minerals for Horses are derived from a unique source of prehistoric plant material mined from the site of an ancient rainforest, 60 to 120 million years old, in Central Utah, USA.

LifeSPRINGS Colloidal Minerals of Horses is an enriched supplement which combines natural colloidal minerals with stabilised wheat germ, yeast and protein meal, and which does not contain any substances that will contravene the rules of racing or other equine competition. Supplementation with LifeSPRINGS Colloidal Minerals for Horses will ensure that your horse will receive an adequate and balanced intake of trace minerals - even if their natural feedstuffs are deficient - and should simply be added to the feed each day.