

BODY CONDITION SCORING

With Spring grass on its way (and winter hopefully well behind us), this is a good time to body condition score your Equine to see if they are at optimum weight!

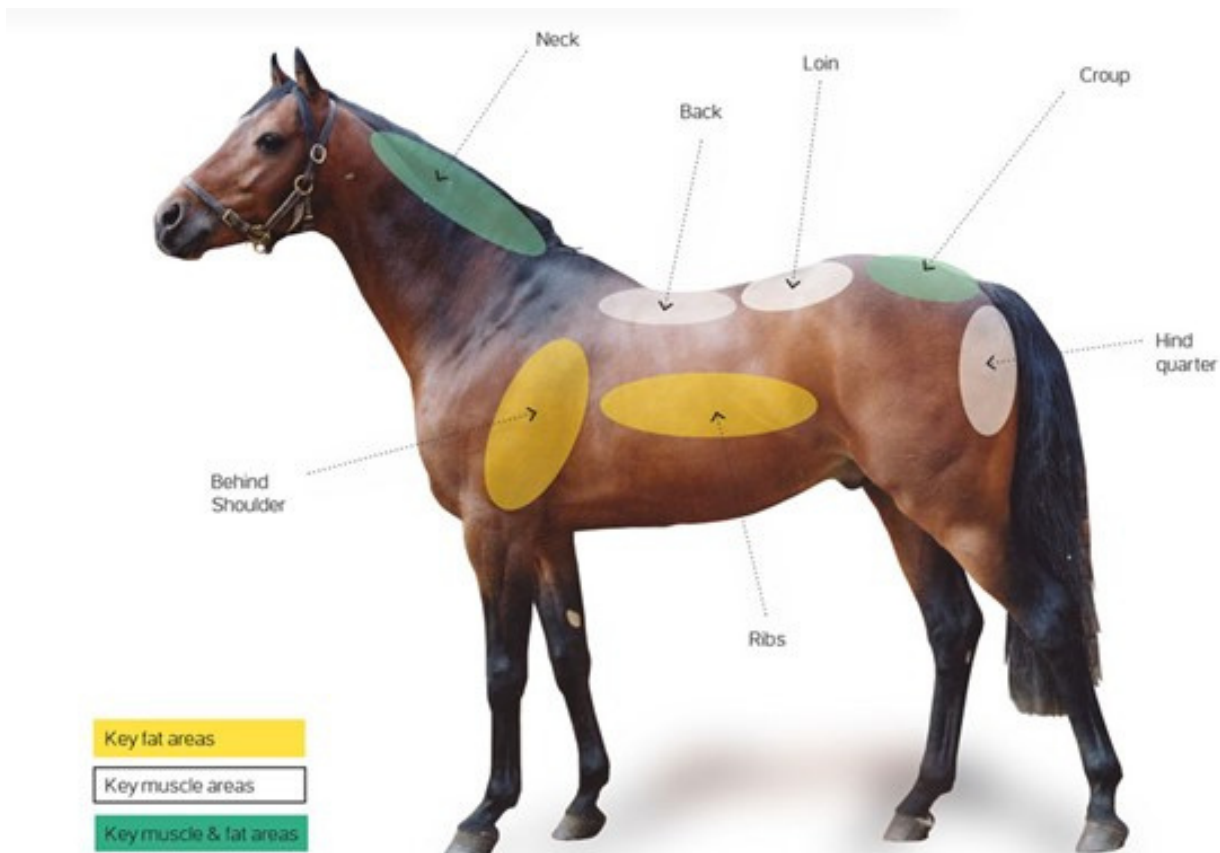
Body Condition Scoring generally looks at these main areas:

Neck: Appearance and feel of the Crest

Shoulder: Can you see the outline of the shoulder blade?

Back and Ribs: Topline, is this smooth or can you feel bones here, are the ribs visible or easy to feel?

Rump: Look from side and behind; is this rounded or narrow; does the pelvis have a round or angular appearance ?



The easiest scoring system to use is out of 5, with 1 being low , 3 Ideal condition, 5 very overweight; the picture below shows common areas of fatty tissue storage.

Ask your Vet if you would like us to help you with this!



RECENT CLIENT EVENING AND PUB QUIZ

Wow what a night! We had a great time and hope you all did too! 12? Teams took part in the Kings Arms pub here in Malmesbury who provided food to our hard thinking teams. Each member of our team produced their own questions on topics ranging from Olympics, to numbers to herbs and spices tasting!



Not only did we all have fun we raised £127.50 for the Brooke charity, so thank you.

It's that time again!

Healthy horse club Members will be getting reminders for faecal samples, staggered throughout the month, for your horse /pony's worm egg counts. It's such an important way to monitor an individual's worm burden and to reduce pasture contamination during the grazing season, along with poo picking of course!

It is important to continue with regular faecal worm egg counts, as the worm life cycle includes larval stages that are not detected from a faecal worm egg count. The test detects eggs of strongyle type worms such as large redworms, small redworms and roundworms (not tapeworms). Targeted de-worming helps reduce drug resistance and also treats only the individuals that are affected in a group.

Did you know testing your horse or ponies blood insulin levels is the most important predictor of whether your horse or pony will develop laminitis in the future?

INSULIN TESTING

Ask your vet more about a simple blood test to reduce the risk your horse is at as well as discuss practical ways to prevent laminitis.

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Recently Ali and Meghan were invited to run a limb dissection evening kindly hosted by Nic Davis. With contributions towards our chosen charity, we managed to raise over £200 for the Brooke, Action for Working Horses and Donkeys.