

I Can't Keep My Horse off Grass

What Do I Do?

- Make a 'track' around the perimeter of your paddock with tape. Spread the hay out as much as possible around the track to maximize movement
- Feed as much roughage/fibre as possible in the form of hay
- Fit the horse with a grazing muzzle during turnout time
- Exercise as much as possible.
- Refrain from feeding high carbohydrate (grain) feeds with added molasses (sugar)
- Help protect from toxins with a toxin-binder
- Address mineral imbalances with supplements
- Apply lime to paddocks, never urea or super-phosphate.
- Become knowledgeable about soil biology or easier, contact your local Probitas man (see 'Probitas Contacts') to come and soil test with the view of improving soil biology and health of pasture. Over time less desirable species like rye and paspalum will struggle and die out and more desirable species will flourish.
- Learn to identify pasture grasses, especially the poisonous ones.
- Remember, it is not how short the grass is, it is the species of grass and health of the soil that is important.
- Study the "Fibre Requirements according to Lifestyle" chart
See "Why Feed Hay 365 days/year"