Treatment of Horse "Behavioural Disorders" – Possibilities to Enhance Performance

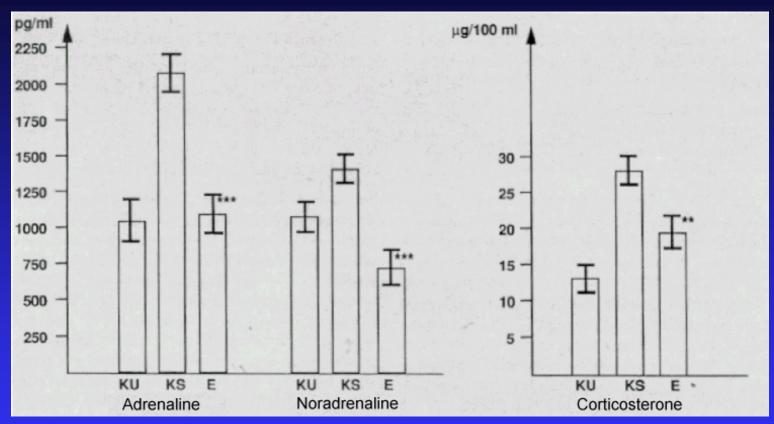
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Engystol ad us. vet.

- Regulation of stress hormones
- Evidence: Study in mice*
- Kietzmann M. (1986), in: Küpper G. Respiratory diseases of horses -Prophylaxis and treatment with Engystol ad us. vet.
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Effect of Pretreatment with Engystol on Various Stress Parameters



KU = unstressed control group

KS = stressed control group

E = stressed group pretreated with Engystol

1.0 mg/kg Engystol, treatment 4 days p. appl.

** and ***: Significance compared to KS

Other Preparations for Use in Horses (1)

Indication

- Nervousness (in horsebox trailer, starting stalls)
- Restlessness during transport
- Overanxious/vicious (before shoeing)
- Anxiety/agitation
- "Sticking"/agitation on riding off

Additives

- Phosphor-Homaccord
- Vertigoheel
- Hyoscyamus-Injeel
- Coffea-Injeel
- Natrium-Homaccord

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Other Preparations for Use in Horses (2)

Indication

- Persistent agitation in stable (starting stalls racers)
- Nymphomania

Additives

- Spascupreel + Zincum valerianum
- Ovarium compositum + Hormeel

Performance Scheme (1)

- Against microlesions
 - ◆ Traumeel 2 x 5 ml i.m. or s.c. after the race and 24 hours later
- To activate the metabolism
 - ◆ Coenzyme compositum 2 x 5 ml i.m. or s.c. on the 3rd and 5th days after the race
- To improve oxygen utilization
 - ◆ Cactus compositum 2 x 5 ml i.m. or s.c. as required 6 hours before the race

Performance Scheme (2)

- With muscle tension
 - ◆ Atropinum compositum 2 x 5 ml i.m. or s.c. 1 day before the race and as required
- With nephrogenous back problems
 - ◆ Berberis Homaccord 2 x 5 ml i.m. or s.c. every 2nd day
- To relieve the joint structures
 - ◆ Zeel 2 x 5 ml i.m. or s.c. 2 days before the race

Special Indications (1)

- Subacute and chronic bronchitis (COB)
 - ◆ Engystol 2 x 5 ml by injection every 2nd day
 - Bronchalis-Heel for tight mucus1 x 10 tablets daily
- Nosebleeds
 - Local injuries: Traumeel
 - Symptomatic bleeds: Traumeel +
 Cinnamomum Homaccord (Cinnamomum,
 Hamamelis, Millefolium) + poss Crotalus Injeel

Special Indications (2)

- Metabolic disorders
 - Underdevelopment in foals:
 Coenzyme compositum 1-2 x weekly
 - phosphorus type: Phosphor-Homaccord
 - Liver function disorders:
 Hepar compositum + Coenzyme
 compositum
 1-2 x weekly
- Infection prophylaxis
 - Engystol 3 x at 2-3 day intervals before transportation/tournament

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Fertility Disorders

 Clinical study with Hormeel for inducing cycle in former race horses

(Enbergs/Gronbach, 1997)

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Testing/Application Scheme

| Clinical research Progesterone profile | Hormeel 5 ml, s.c., 3 x Placebo 5 ml, s.c., 3 x | Clinical research Progesterone profile |
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| Blood samples : 5 x Days 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 | Days 21, 28, 35 | Blood samples: 5 x Days 5, 9, 13, 17, 21 after induction of heat |

Effects of Hormeel in Acyclic Mares

| | Control (n = 18) | Test (n = 16) | Diff. (T-C) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Cycle induction for x mares | 8 = 44% | 11 = 68% | 24%* |
| Heat induction for x mares | 6 = 33% | 9 = 56% | 23%* |
| # days until heat | 11 | 9.4 | -1.6 |
| Conception rate | 2 = 11% | 3 = 18% | 7% |

P<0.05

Effects of Hormeel on Persistent Corpus Luteum

| | Control (n = 6) | Test (n = 7) | Diff. (T-C) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Cycle induction for x mares | 2 = 33% | 4 = 57% | 24% |
| Heat induction for x mares | 1 = 16% | 3= 42% | 26% |
| # days until heat | 13 | 12.6 | 0.4 |
| Conception rate | 0 | 1 = 14% | 14% |

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Effects of Hormeel on Prolonged Follicle Phase

| | Control (n = 7) | Test (n=7) | Diff. (T-C) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Cycle induction for x mares | 4 = 57% | 3 = 43% | -15% |
| Heat induction for x mares | 4 = 57% | 3 = 43% | -15% |
| # days until heat | 32 | 31 | -1 |
| Conception rate | 1 = 14% | 2 = 28% | 14% |

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Conclusion:

- Good efficacy of Hormeel in acyclic mares and persistent corpus luteum
- With cystic changes, Ovarium compositum is to be preferred (according to the results of further studies)