

EQUINE NEWS BIT

Recent studies have shown that cribbing may be more than an annoying habit. Cribbing actually increases the amount of saliva a horse produces, which in turn increases the amount of bicarbonate in the stomach. Bicarbonate is the buffer that helps neutralize the acid in the stomach.

This finding suggests that there is a link between cribbers and gastritis and/or gastric ulcers. Researchers think that these cribbers may be trying to self medicate. Chronic cribbers have been seen to quit the habit following treatment for gastritis and/or gastric ulcers.

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