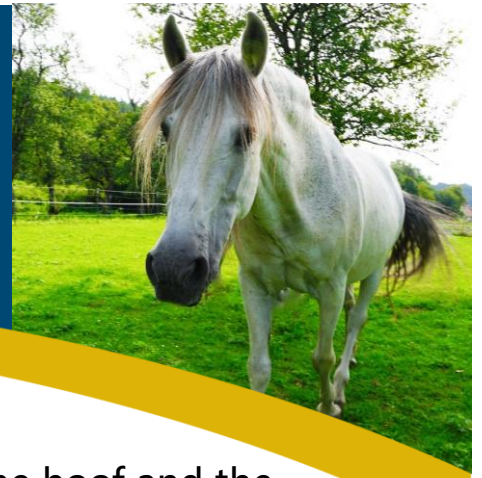


# Laminitis



## What is laminitis?

- Damage and inflammation of the tissue between the hoof and the underlying coffin bone.
- In severe cases can progress to founder, in which the hoof and coffin bone are separated and the coffin bone can rotate, leading to severe pain.
- Irreversible. Treatment is initiated to minimize further damage. Recovery outcomes vary widely.

## What you can do to keep your horse healthy:

- Limit access to lush pasture, especially for high-risk horses (those with equine metabolic syndrome (EMS) or pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction (PPID)).
- Schedule regular farrier care to ensure hooves are properly balanced.
- Keep horses at a healthy weight.

### Signs

Lameness  
Reluctant to move  
Shift weight  
“Sawhorse stance”  
Increased respiratory  
and heart rates

### Transmission

Can be secondary to  
diseases such as EMS and  
PPID

### Treatment

Irreversible  
Pain management  
Supportive care  
Regular farrier care  
Dietary management

*\*If your horse needs medical care, contact the Large Animal Clinic at (530) 752-1393.*



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