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A disease that affects the pituitary gland causing an excessive amount of hormones to be produced which then enter the circulation and affect the whole the body. Typically affects older horses, over the age of 15, and progresses slowly. Also known as Cushing's Disease.

Clinical Signs

- Lethargy
- Increased thirst / urination
- Regional adiposity (bulging supraorbital fat pads above eyes)
- Recurrent corneal (eye) ulcers
- Recurrent foot abscesses
- Laminitis
- Changes in coat shedding
- Excessive hair growth
- Recurrent / prolonged infections
- Abnormal sweating

Diagnosis is made based on chemical signs and an elevated adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) found on blood sample.

Treatment is not always required but if needed is a daily treatment in tablet form or weekly injection.

Annual blood samples are recommended to monitor treatment and adjust as necessary.

For more information, contact House & Jackson to speak to one of the team, call us on 01277 823808