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Equine Cushing’s Disease Handout

*Directions: As you are listening to the presentation, fill in the blanks within the questions.*

1. When a tumor forms on the Pituitary Gland Cushing’s Disease occurs.
2. As the tumor grows, it sends signal in the brain to secrete excessive amounts of the hormone Cortisol.
3. One of the most commons symptoms of Cushing’s Disease is Hirsutism which is described as abnormal hair growth and results in a long, thick, wavy coat.
4. Another common symptom in Cushing’s Disease is Laminitis which is the inflammation of the hoof of a horse.
5. True or False: Cushing’s Disease is most common is horses over 7-years-old, females, and ponies.
6. Adrenocorticotropic Hormone (ACTH) test is the most common diagnostic tool for Cushing’s disease.
7. Insulin testing can also indicate a horse’s likelihood to develop laminitis.
8. True or False: It is easy to diagnose a horse with hirsutism; however, it becomes very challenging to diagnose a horse without this symptom.
9. Pergolide is the most popular choice of drug to treat Cushing’s disease.
10. True or False: Cushing’s Disease can be treated, as well as cured.
11. To manage this disease, it is suggested to limit the access to Lush Pastures.
12. Cushing’s Disease is becoming more commonly diagnosed because of Better awareness of the disease of the disease, convenient diagnostic testing, and the increase in older horses.