

# USER GUIDE





# Welcome to Fiber Fresh

This is a guide designed to help you as a new user of Fiber Fresh products.

We have included tips on introducing Fiber Fresh to the diet, how to open and store bags, and a few other suggestions that you may find helpful.







## Getting started with Fiber Fresh

Unlike traditional fibres, Fiber Fresh products are high nutritional forage fibres, that are highly digestible providing greater levels of quality protein and safer slower release energy.

### Guidelines for introducing Fiber Fresh

- Slowly substitute chaff with Fiber Fresh by volume over 1 week
- For improved gastric health feed a ratio of 2:1 Fiber Fresh to concentrates
- While transitioning if your horse has unwanted energy or condition slowly reduce the concentrates being fed

*FiberProtect*® can be fed on its own or mixed with supplements. Feed a minimum of 2kg per day, there is no limit on how much *FiberProtect*® can be fed. If the horse has diet related gut problems, introducing Fiber Fresh can make them healthy again.

When extra energy is required increase the amount of *FiberProtect*®. If even more energy is needed in the form of concentrates only feed up to half the weight of *FiberProtect*® in the diet, creating a 2:1 ratio e.g. 2kg *FiberProtect*® and 1 kg concentrate.

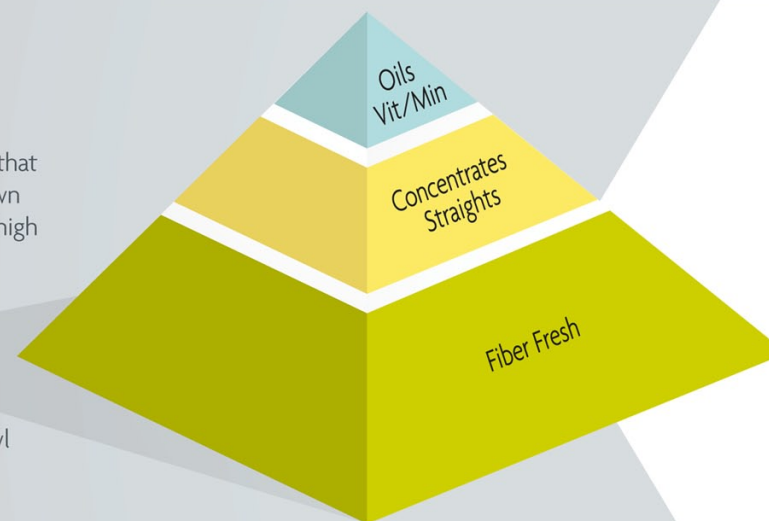
Most sport / race horses do best on 4 – 6 kgs of *FiberProtect*® per day. If required, additional energy in the form of oils, grains or concentrate feeds can be included in the feedbowl.

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### Getting it right in the feedbowl

Horses need at least 1.5% of their bodyweight as forage daily; e.g. hay, pasture, or Fiber Fresh. The remaining diet must be balanced according to the composition of that forage and the physiological demands of the horse. Fiber Fresh can be fed on its own in the feed bowl, or 2:1 with grain/cereal concentrates to counter health effects of high starch and soluble carbohydrates.

- ✓ A safer way of feeding grains and concentrates
- ✓ Improves feed efficiency and digestion
- ✓ Improves gastrointestinal (gut) health
- ✓ Can reduce the amount of grains and concentrates required in the feed bowl
- ✓ Improved condition, topline, coat condition and general health



### Remember the 4 must-dos:

1. Feed by weight not volume
2. Feed forage first
3. Feed little and often
4. Feeding moist is best



## Volume users of Fiber Fresh

Storage suggestions when using larger volumes of Fiber Fresh.

### 1 Easy Access

If using a bag every 1 to 2 days, try opening down the long edge of the bag for easier and better access. In warm conditions a bag could be left open like this between feeds but not longer than 48 hours.



### 2 Avoid keeping in feed bins

Storing Fiber Fresh in a feed bin exposes all of the product to air and can accelerate spoiling or moulding. If choosing to use a feed bin ensure the bin is completely emptied every 24 hours and in hot weather, allow the product to breathe by leaving the lid ajar.



### 3 Open bins

During periods of very hot weather or if using many bags per feed open bins, tubs or barrows may be preferred. Storing loose provides easy access to the feed and allowing the product to breathe in hot temperatures. Use within 24 hours of loose storing.



## Natural Yeasts

Fiber Fresh is a living product and contains an abundance of natural yeasts present in all Fiber Fresh's feeds. These include *Saccharomyces Cerevisiae*, a beneficial yeast that aids in digestion. Occasionally a pure white, odourless yeast patch can form on the surface of the product. If a white yeast patch is found upon opening do not be alarmed, simply break off and discarded. The Fiber Fresh product will still have a fresh fermented smell.

If the packaging is damaged and air enters the bag mould may form over time. Moulds can vary in colour but are typically blue or green in colour with a strong, pungent odour. Feed affected by mould should not be fed to or consumed by animals. If mould is present and the bag does not have the normal fresh fermented smell then do not feed.

- Controlled fermentation preserves Fiber Fresh feeds safely in a vacuum sealed, oxygen excluded environment free from contaminants.
- If the packaging is damaged and oxygen enters the bag mould will eventually develop as the product begins to decompose over time.
- Even a very small hole or faulty seal may allow small amounts of air to enter the bag.

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## Opening a bag

If using a single bag over a week or more, we recommend following these three simple steps to keep the product compressed and as fresh in the bag as possible.

1 Open along the top and part way down both sides of the bag



2 Roll the plastic down the bag and break off what you need



3 Then roll the plastic up tightly like this



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