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They say an army marches on its stomach, well the same can be said of the horse.

Your horse's diet should be based on good quality forage (grass & hay) and, depending on the level of work your horse is expected to do, other foods such as mixes and mineral licks can be added. A horse's diet is an individual requirement so do ask your vet for advice next time we visit.

Footcare

Foot problems are one of the most common causes of lameness in horses. All horses and ponies require regular foot trimming approximately every four to six weeks whether or not they are shod. Overgrown hooves can lead to cracked, broken feet which are more likely to develop a foot abscess and associated lameness. Shoes left on too long can also lead to problems. Veterinary surgeons often work in conjunction with farriers to correct the balance or shape of a horse's foot as part of the treatment regime for certain types of lameness.

