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SILIFORCE HORSES®



A new silicon product derived from monosilicic acid is now available to horses in North and South America. Silicon plays a key role in improving bone quality and the mineralization process in the bones. It acts as a regulator for calcium and phosphorous uptake, and it will directly contribute to a healthy bone cortex and a well-calcified bone matrix. Silicon also plays an important role in the formation of connective tissue and collagen (bones, cartilages, ligaments, tendons, hair, skin, and hooves).

Because silicon can be found in the grain and forage a horse consumes, it is an abundant element and a normal part of the equine diet. Many natural sources of silicon are unavailable to the horse, but monosilicic acid, which is available, is highly absorbable. Though more research is needed to solidify the emerging belief that higher levels of silicon in the diets of young, skeletally immature horses will help them to lay down stronger bone, early reports indicate that silicon supplementation, in conjunction with specific training regimes, allows horses to train longer without injury.

Silicon is an ingredient that should be added to the diet of all horses bred for performance. Though the exact mechanism remains elusive, the results obtained when feeding silicon are beginning to validate its usefulness as a supplement, especially for two-year-olds in training barns, where stress fractures are prevalent.

Siliforce Horses® is an excellent source of silicon. It is highly concentrated and need only be fed in very small amounts, making it an economical alternative to powdered or pelleted sodium zeolite products that must be fed in very large quantities to achieve therapeutic dosages.