

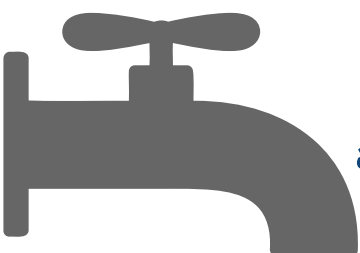
EXPLORING

WINTER WATER INTAKE

IN HORSES

LESS HIGH MOISTURE PASTURE COMBINED WITH MORE DRY FORAGES
RESULTS IN HORSES CONSUMING LESS NATURAL WATER IN THE WINTER

we need to supply 5-15 gallons of water per day in the winter months



snow or ice
is **NOT** an
adequate source
of water

IDEAL
WATER
DRINKING
TEMP IS
45-65°F

there is no difference in water intake
between heated buckets vs heated
water tank as long as the water is clean

MOST
WATER IS
CONSUMED
WITHIN 2 HRS
OF EATING
HAY/GRAIN

make sure buckets are full and
easy to access during meal time

HORSES
WILL DRINK
40% MORE
WATER WHEN
IT IS HEATED

if using a tank heater to warm water, inspect it
carefully for worn wires or other damage, and
check the water for electrical sensation or shock

THERE ARE **2** COMMON COMPLICATIONS
RESULTING FROM INADEQUATE WATER
CONSUMPTION DURING COLD WEATHER

1. DECREASED FEED INTAKE

consuming lower calories
could result in weight loss

2. IMPACTION COLIC / CONSTIPATION

not enough water will result in
colic symptoms

SENIOR HORSES MAY HAVE MORE
SENSITIVE TEETH AND A LOWER
TOLERANCE OF COLD WATER

TIPS FOR INCREASING HYDRATION IN WINTER

- Wet Feed at Each Meal
- Feed a Daily Mash with Beet Pulp or Forage Pellet
- Provide Constant Access to Plain White Iodized Salt

FEEDING PRACTICES TO AVOID

Wheat Bran

It is High in Phosphorus and Can Unbalance Your Horse's Diet

Feeding Mash Inconsistently

Feed a Mash Daily, as Feeding Once per Week can Upset Gut
Microbes and Cause Gastrointestinal Issues



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