

Testimonial on TuffRock Joint Formulae –

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Well, here goes! Mac is almost at the bottom of his 'test tub', he is a very fussy horse and I wondered if he would eat it, I tasted a tiny bit, and it tastes of nothing! So I was confident it wouldn't be an issue, it wasn't! It is very easy to mix into the feed and doesn't clump as some do! Going into the trial I was very worried about changing as Mac had been so well with the C+, I was worried about the changeover and wondered if I could manage him through it, I don't know what I was fretting about!

As you know, when Mac was only 8 years old he became subtly lame, initially the diagnosis was navicular syndrome and so he was vigorously treated for that, with only a minor improvement, a further and more robust lameness work up showed degenerative changes in his front Fetlocks, I was devastated.

Initially he was treated with intra-articular injections which worked well but were only ever a short term solution, what followed was many years of trial and error with various joint supplements. Even with the most expensive ones 3 – 4 times a year he would require short courses of Bute to help him over the flares. The vets were happy to supply me with it as they knew him and me (and my cheque book) well! I have always been careful to graze him on flat land. With this regime he continued to live a sound and useful life until age 17 when he was struck down by a tumour that was blocking one nostril, of course it had to come out and sadly, under anaesthetic he had a heart attack, he never wholly recovered from this and retired honourably at age 19 with a reserve champion ribbon from only his 2nd ever A & P show!

I have kept him on the joint supplements ever since and apart from no riding his management did not change until December 2010 when I started him on C+ with Molly. Since then he has not required any Bute and only had one small incidence of soreness which turned out to be a seedy toe, and easily fixed!

At about the same time I was offered the opportunity to try the new TuffRock Joint Formula with Collagen for Mac and it has been fabulous! Over the last 2 -3 years I had noticed that his once impressive paces and 'airs above the ground' had diminished in brilliance, I put it down to advancing age and the onset of Cushing's Disease, he was still sound, just not as spritely! Since about halfway down his 2.5kg tub I started to see a little more spring in his step and a little more spunkiness at mealtimes, a little more of his extended trot, a little more chasing of Miss M and slowly I began to see the old Mac re-emerge, he still has his hairy Cushing's coat and his strangely shaped body, but he is running around like a two year old and the other day very nearly kicked me during a bucking fit because I haven't had to dodge him for so many years!

I shed a tear or two watching him gallop flat out and buck and rear when I arrived to get dinner for them one evening last week, even Molly stood and stared at him, not quite knowing how to react to this hoon that she was sharing her paddock with!

I refuse to change him back, it is joint formula for him from now on, while watching him I wondered why he was even retired! Although I think he would be a bit miffed to come out of retirement, he loves it! Thanks Suzanne.

Vicky and Mac