

# Cushings Disease

Horses with Cushings Disease can usually be recognised by their long and curly coat which does not shed in summer.

It is common in old ponies and is caused by a tumor in the pituitary gland in the brain.

The main effect of the tumor is an alteration in the levels of cortisone produced in the body which causes a wider range of symptoms including thirst, weight loss and frequently laminitis.

Although there is no cure for Cushings Disease, with careful management, horses can live very happily for many years.



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