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Dosing Herbal Medications To Horses

- 1) Herbal powders available through VIVA generally will be dosed at 2 Tablespoons twice a day unless otherwise specified by Drs. Thompson or Bond
- 2) Some horses will eat the herbal powder in grain
- 3) Occasionally a horse will need to be started a on sub-therapeutic dosage, 1-2 teaspoons, for example, and slowly increased to the full dosage over 7-10 days to acclimate the horse to the new flavor; not all diseases to be treated will afford you the luxury of beginning this way, so consult with VIVA as to the importance of immediately dosing at full volume
- 4) If the powder is separating from the grain and being left in the feed bin, it can be mixed with water, applesauce, or molasses and poured onto the grain to make it adhere
- 5) If the horse will not eat the full dose of the herbal formula or has a diminished appetite due to illness, the powder can be mixed with water, etc. to make a pudding-like suspension and squirted into the back of the mouth using a large volume, wide bore syringe available from VIVA
- 6) Alternatively, the herbal formula can be administered as a suspension via syringe into the rectum for absorption of the active ingredients there.