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Report on horse "Hurst Nabibi" 2018

Nabibi is an eight year old purebred Arabian mare that arrived in Stellenbosch from an extensive farm in Northern Namibia in May 2016. Nabibi is stabled at is a top level Endurance riding stable with elite WP and SA horses.

Nabibi always looked thin and under condition in Stellenbosch, despite 6 monthly dewormings and ad lib grazing with twice daily concentrate ration. All other horses on the farm were in very good condition on the same ration and exercise regime. She was admitted to an equine hospital with major colic symptoms and was diagnosed with severe round worm verminosis and gastric ulcers on gastroscopy in December 2016. She receives Calmline with recovery mix, with ad lib teff, oat hay and lucerne.

After this incident, the horse remained in a poor body condition, and was "sour" and vaguely depressed according to the owner –despite oral Omeprazole course before, during and after endurance rides.

In January 2018, the rider withdrew Nabibi from ride after 60 km of an 80 km ride, as the horse was lethargic, had little go forward and seemed to be over exerting herself despite a very conservative slow pace ridden. Bloods were taken and the horse showed mildly elevated CK, AST and LDH consistent with a horse that ridden 60 km less than 48 hours previously. Blood creatinine was normal, but the BUN was elevated at 9.89 (normal 3.5 – 8.9). The rider was extremely despondent, and had been advised by an endurance trainer of international standing to retire the horse.

Dr Marc Walton was called to examine the Nabibi as a second opinion on the farm on the Monday after the ride. Nabibi had normal temperature, pulse, respiration with mildly pale mucus membranes, normal gut sounds, but had a starry coat and a body low condition of 2/5. Her ribs and dorsal spinous processes and points of her hips were clearly visible, with her coat a dull bleached brown colour. Nabibi tested positive to both colonic and gastric ulcers on the Succeed stool test kit.

Nabibi received injections of 20 ml Biosolamine, Kyroligo and Tioctan, and was placed on orally Succeed once a day for a month course. After three weeks the horse's condition was markedly improved, the coat was no longer starry, and her sour / depressed habitus had improved. The owner was ecstatic when Nabibi not only won the Darling 80 km ride in February (after 3.5 weeks of Succeed supplement) but also won the prestigious best condition award!

In March, Nabibi did the multi day "Baviaan's Kloof" ride – and the owner described her as "Shiny, strong and happy" for the duration of the week long ride. She received a tube of Succeed orally for the duration of the ride.

In April, Nabibi received one tube of Succeed per day orally, in the week preceding the Goudinin 80 km ride. The rider described her as "the fittest and happiest she has ever been". Nabibi came second and again won the coveted "Best condition" award!

I highly recommend the Succeed testing kit as well as the Succeed oral supplementation as a means of diagnosing and treating gastric and colonic ulcers. I credit the Succeed supplement with dramatically increasing the body condition and habitus of Nabibi, as well as helping her reach her full athletic potential – free from the debilitating effects of gastric and colonic ulcers. The Succeed supplements would be a valuable part of the supplement regime of any horse competing at elite level, as well as horses struggling with their condition.

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Yours in appreciation!

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