

Equine Arthritis

A Joint Approach

THE MOST COMMON HEALTH PROBLEM AFFECTING HORSES

No. 1

60%
OF LAMENESS
IS CAUSED BY
ARTHRITIS

SmartPak Equine

ARTHRITIS

PetPlan Equine Report 2017

Your vet can help **SUPPORT YOU** with advice on all aspects of Equine Arthritis:

Equine Arthritis can occur in horses of all ages - why?

Up to **2**

YEARS

2-5

YEARS

- Developmental joint disease
- Poor conformation
- Over rapid growth and incorrect diet
- Previous injury or joint infection

- Over exertion at an early age
- Breeds mature at different ages
- Injuries
- Poor foot balance
- Untreated developmental joint disease

Middle Age

5-15

YEARS

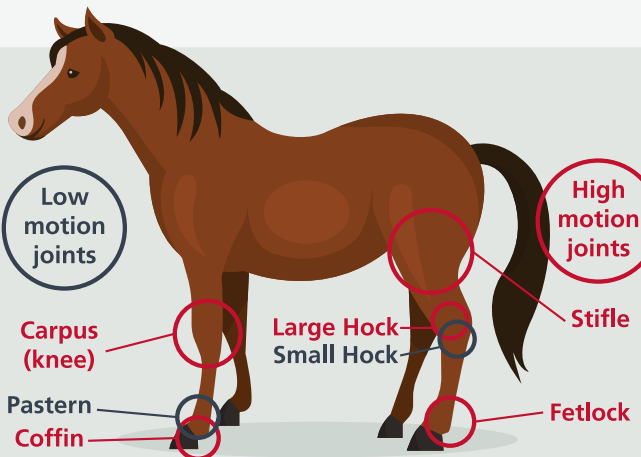
YEARS

Senior **15+**

- Obesity
- Inappropriate work load
- Poor foot balance

- Ignoring the early signs
- Undiagnosed arthritis being treated as an alternative injury
- Excessive repetitive work
- Obesity

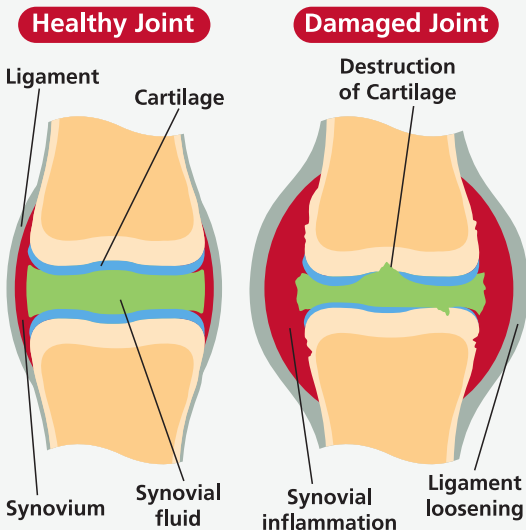
Which joints are most commonly affected by Arthritis?



Treatment Options:

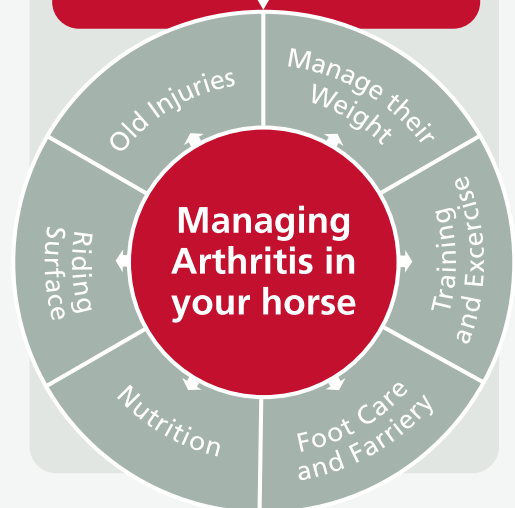
- Identify and address the likely causes
- Medication
- Surgery
- Medical management
- Foot balance and shoeing
- Nutrition and Neutriceuticals (joint supplements)
- Management

How does Arthritis affect my horse's joints?



Does age matter?

Osteoarthritis (OA) can develop at any age. Older horses are usually more affected with **Primary OA** as the cartilage cells can not repair themselves as well as they used to. **Secondary OA** resulting from injury, sepsis or developmental joint disease can occur at any age.



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{Arth} Joint + {itis} Inflammation = Joint Inflammation