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H.E.S. (High Energy Supplement) pellets are the ideal concentrate addition to the grain ration for hard working horses, lactating broodmares, growing horses or hard keepers.

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Brood Mares, The Dynamite[®] Way



*By Judy Sinner,
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Optimal feeding of young horses begins even before conception. The idea that you can just breed a mare, throw her out in a field and then feed her up a bit before foaling is unwise, to say the least. Many breeders feel that that mare's influence on the foal is 60 - 75% of what that baby will become, genetically and environmentally.

Often people say, "This mare is lame, or is kind of goofy, or can't cut it on track or in the arena, so we might as well just breed her..." Unless the imbalances are addressed so that you know WHY the mare is goofy, or lame, or an underachiever, you are just perpetuating the imbalance.

Maybe she is lame because she is structurally unsound, or maybe she is lame because she ran through a fence because she is kind of wacky, or any

possible variation on the theme. Some of these imbalances, and toxicity from too much wormer or vaccine or chemicals in the feed, actually become a part of the DNA structure and energy field of the animal.

Homeopaths call this a "miasm" or energetic predisposition to a certain illness (disease). So, get the mare as good as you can get her, then consider breeding her.

Often when a mare won't conceive (assuming the stallion is functioning properly), that is nature's way of saying "not this one, not this time, not healthy." You may even have some detox work to do. So, optimal mineral nutrition needs to happen for the mare at least 60 or preferably 120 days before breeding.

Depending on your area, either regular **Dynamite[®]** or **Dynamite Plus[™]** or **TNT[™]** (see the article "Which to Feed: **Dynamite[®]** or **Dynamite Plus[™]** or **TNT[™]**?" for details) and the **Free Choices of 1 to 1, 2 to 1, Izmine[™]** and **NTM Salt** is the optimum program.

If the mare has been a problem breeder or lost a

pregnancy in the past, she is a candidate for **Breeder Pac[™]**, always fed in addition to the basics. Another reason to feed **Breeder Pac[™]** would be if a mare has been very debilitated within the last year or so.

Reproductive function takes a back seat to other organs, and a mare might look good on the outside but still be under par reproductively. Many broodmares who have had a number of foals in a row will eat massive amounts of the 2 to 1; one TB mare in Oregon ate 75# in about 3 months before she was satisfied. A little calcium deficient, do you think?

Ideally, if you feed grain, it will be **Pelleted Grain Ration**, or a dry mix of oats, corn and barley. Hay should be a grass or grass mix with not more than about 10% alfalfa. By grass, I mean orchard grass, bluegrass, timothy, bermuda. Oat or barley hays are grain hays, not true grasses and usually contain enough grain heads to make them quite acidic. Sudan contains prussic acid and is not a great choice for horses.

I won't deworm a mare chemically in the first 100

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days of pregnancy, so if you are going to do that, do it before breeding and follow with 3 days of **Excel™** at 1 tsp per day to rebalance digestion and clear up the liver.

During the last few months of pregnancy, I like to put the mares on regular **Dynamite®** or **TNT™** if they have been on the **Dynamite Plus™**. **Dynamite®** and **TNT™** contain higher levels of copper and zinc which need to be stored in the foal's liver at birth in order for proper bone development to take place, and both products are also higher in selenium to address any muscle problems. They are also higher in vitamins A and D at a time when the hay is lowest in A and sunlight is diminished. We have had lots of healthy foals on **Dynamite Plus™**, but the **Dynamite®** or **TNT™** is my personal choice at this time. Some **Ester-C®** or **Hiscorbadyne®** is also a wise option, to assist with blood vessel integrity and boost the immune system as well as providing joint support for the developing foal.

Our **TNT™** is proving to be a great all-in-one for mares and growing babies. It provides, per 1 and 1/3 cup dose for a 1,000 lb mare, a full ounce of **Dynamite®**, an ounce of **Easy Boy™** for magnesium, 1/2 of **Izmine™** for the organic silica and 60+ trace elements, 1/2 oz of **Excel™** for balancing gut pH and neutralizing toxins, 20 gm of **Free and Easy™** for joint support, and a full cup of **H.E.S.™ Pellets** for healthy fat and protein. For mares foaling before there is spring pasture, or who are not on pasture, the addition of some **OxE Mega™** is advisable. This product provides the natural vitamin E and omega-3 fatty acids that



*Starborne's first foal, Thanxamillian VF, pictured at 1 hour old, generation 4 **Dynamite®** and sired by a **Dynamite®** stallion.*



*Judy on her third generation **Dynamite** bred and raised mare, Starborne VF. Starborne had just been checked in foal a week prior to this show, a long haul from her home. She was hauled and shown nationally through her 8th month pregnancy and has never received any kind of vaccination in her life, and has never had so much as a sniffle. Her resulting foal from this breeding, her first, is pictured below left...*

nature would normally provide foaling mares via spring grass growth. Vitamin E supplementation has shown to increase the survival rate of foals.

Once the foal arrives, **Dynamite®** products really assist in health for both:

- **DynaPro™** is in order for both mom and baby within a few hours after foaling. This establishes the good bacteria in the foal's gut, and helps the mare deal with the foaling stress as well.
- I don't do bran mashes, feeling that the **DynaPro™** does as much as anything to keep the gut working properly. Many mares are a little constipated after foaling, and the addition of a couple ounces of **Easy Boy™** for the laxative effects of magnesium is a neat trick. I like to use this in a couple cups of grass hay pellets with a touch of **PGR** and **DynaPro™** added, and soak well for a hour or so before feeding with enough hot water to make a "mush."
- Continued next month, with Feeding Foals and Young Horses. 🌱