

SLOW BALE BUDDY

A Buddy Incorporated Product



The Slow Bale Buddy is the perfect solution for feeding round and square bales of all sizes to horses. It is available in 6 sizes and can be used as a stand-alone feeder or in conjunction with other feeders. Waste is almost completely eliminated and aggressive and anxious horses are calmed by having to graze and forage for their hay. Feeding in this way most closely mimics grazing and is excellent for a healthy digestion and relief from food anxiety. Also of note is that in field tests most horses chose to eat from the Slow Bale Buddy when given a choice between the slow feeder and loose hay.

Construction:

The Slow Bale Buddy is a large net bag made of preshrunk, knotless, 100% nylon with 1 and ½ inch openings. This is the optimal size to ensure that the animals get enough to eat while controlling waste. Nylon is the softest and strongest of the netting materials and is naturally UV resistant. It is also resistant to mildew, rot, abrasion, and staining. It is strong enough to withstand the constant onslaught of their teeth while being soft on the muzzle. The patented safety fastener is made out of strong HPE plastic and eliminates the unsafe drawstring fastener of other net slow feeders.



Economics:

The Slow Bale Buddy completely eliminates waste as well as slowing down consumption of the hay, so that all the hay the customer purchases actually gets eaten instead of getting soiled on and walked into the ground. Because of this, much less hay is needed, and the Slow Bale Buddy pays for itself many times over in saved hay.

Safety:

The Slow Bale Buddy completely encloses the hay and is fastened with a specially designed patented safety fastener. The Fastener itself has rounded corners and edges and when the net bag is properly closed there are no holes larger than 1 ½ inches. The horses (even minis) can safely walk on and paw the bag without getting caught. The soft nylon netting does not harm the horses' lips. The Slow Bale Buddy must not be used with shod horses unless it is enclosed in another feeder as the heel of the shoe may get caught in the netting causing injury or a pulled shoe.

Customers:

The Slow Bale Buddy was designed specifically for feeding horses so that hay could be continuously fed while waste and gluttony were eliminated. It is ideally suited to horse owners who are concerned about weight gain and hay belly from free feeding hay. Because it mimics grazing and controls consumption, digestion is aided while occupying and calming the horse. Because of its calming effect it is ideal for aggressive and nervous horses. It is also useful for feeding diabetic and glucose intolerant horses as it allows them free access to hay without the worry of overeating. While it was originally designed for horses, it is now being used successfully with (unhorned) cattle, sheep, goats and llamas

Warranty:

We replace under warranty if 16 or more strands of netting break within the first year of use. (Minis are replaced if 9 or more strands break). We are the only slow feed company that offers a warranty of this kind. Our warranty replacement rate stands at just over 1 percent, which attests to the quality of our product. The customer must contact Buddy Incorporated directly with all warranty issues. 100% happy customers are our goal!

How to Use:

If using to feed a round bale the strings must be removed and then the net bag pulled over until the bale is completely covered, then the bale is rolled over until the two edges of the top opening can be pulled together. (The hay is now enclosed in the sack). One end of the safety fastener is screwed on so that it resembles a T. Starting at one end of the opening, push the open end of the fastener through both layers of netting. Move down 4 or 5 holes and push it through both layers again. Continue on pushing it through every 4th or 5th set of holes until you reach the end. Screw the other end of the fastener on securely and the hay is enclosed inside the net bag and ready to feed. If a tractor is used, the Slow Bale Buddy may be put over the bale while it is raised for transport.

