

Horse owners are concerned with the physical well-being of their animals. Whether it's a young athlete in competition or a senior that gets saddled up once a week, many horses experience joint pain that affects soundness. As a result, products to enhance joint function and cartilage health are the most widely used equine supplements.

Store shelves and catalog pages are filled with products designed to address joint health. While a number of different compounds can be found in the various products, the two most prevalent are chondroitin sulfate and glucosamine hydrochloride.

Chondroitin sulfate is the primary glycosaminoglycan found in cartilage tissue. In addition to this physical role, chondroitin sulfate also inhibits the activity of catabolic enzymes that lead to joint degeneration. The chondroitin sulfate used in equine supplements is isolated from specific tissues of slaughtered cattle, pigs, and poultry, and from some aquatic sources.

Glucosamine hydrochloride is a key component in the synthesis of joint tissue. Additionally, it promotes the secretion of glycosaminoglycans, like chondroitin sulfate, in cartilage. The glucosamine hydrochloride used in equine supplements is isolated from shellfish.

This spring, Manna Pro introduced an exciting new product: Sho-Flex™. This innovative supplement combines all the nutrition of Manna Pro's popular Sho-Glo® product with chondroitin sulfate and glucosamine hydrochloride. The result is an outstanding 2-in-1 product that provides important nutrients along with a joint supplement. Just two ounces of Sho-Flex™ provides a full complement of vitamins and trace minerals, along with chondroitin sulfate and glucosamine hydrochloride at the same level as Cosequin®, the market leader. The palatable alfalfa-based crumble assures that horses will consume the product readily. And, Sho-Flex™ is a great value.

Whether your horse has just started showing signs of discomfort in the joints or you've been using a joint supplement for years, pick up some Sho-Flex™. Manna Pro: sound nutrition at a fair price.