



## Mare And Foal

There are a number of factors to consider when caring for the broodmare and later when she has a foal at foot, with the nutritional well being of her and her foal being at the foremost of every owners mind.

Rowen Barbary horse feed make a conventional Stud Mix that is a carefully balanced blend of highly digestible ingredients. This high specification mix will provide the additional protein and energy required along with the major minerals and vitamins needed to meet the requirements of foals, youngstock, broodmares and stallions. In addition the Soft 'n' Soak range has been found to be particularly useful when caring for the mare and foal.

During the last 3 months of gestation the nutrient requirements of the mare will increase as the unborn foal starts to grow more rapidly. ReadyMash Extra from the Soft 'n' Soak range is the ideal feed as not only is it extremely palatable but it will also provide the mare with all the minerals and vitamins that she requires at this late stage. Providing a well balanced diet is essential in order for normal fetal development to take place, during this critical stage of gestation.

After foaling, the lactating mares nutrient requirements increase by 75% as she will be producing 12 – 18 litres of milk daily. Therefore she requires more protein, energy, calcium and phosphorus in a larger amount of feed in order to recover from foaling stress, to produce milk and to rebreed. ReadyMash Extra contains excellent energy sources aiding a fast recovery after foaling and will help settle the digestive tract for the work ahead.

After birth the foal will still rely on his mother for his nutritional needs but now he will be growing faster and burning more energy. It has been found that due to the succulence and the light fluffy texture of ReadyMash Extra many foals find it easy to eat, easily digestible and will enjoy and thrive on it, even from a very early age. This then makes it a perfect feed to progress onto when they are weaned later in life as it can be used to develop good bone growth and confirmation of rearing stock.

As an additional measure if a mare is having problems lactating and the foal is not receiving sufficient milk, Sumo Muscle Builder (MB) can also be added to the foals feed. This is a unique blend of milk powders, breakfast cereals, highly digestible protein sources, glucose, oils, vitamin, minerals and trace elements. Sumo MB can easily be added to a warm moist



mash from the Soft 'n' Soak range, dissolving quickly and improving the foals nutrient intake immediately.

The Rowen Barbary Soft 'n' Soak range includes ReadyFibre Mash, ReadyMash and ReadyMash Extra. The excellent source of high digestible fibre makes all three of these products ideal for mares, foals and youngstock.