



## Winter Feeding The Hunter

After you have carefully achieved a degree of fitness through several weeks of autumn hunting you need to plan not only a work regime for the winter but also a feeding programme to ensure your horse stays in peak condition.

If your horse has summered well during August and September he should slowly be losing weight as his work level increases, and a feed such as Rowen Barbary Forage 'n' Fibre is suitable here as he will need feeding only just above maintenance during this period so long as he is receiving adequate oils, vitamins and minerals.

Forage should always play an essential role in your horses feeding regime, and over 15% high fibre feeds will provide at least half of your horses energy needs but this will rarely be enough to fulfil your horses potential in the hunting field.

Rowen Barbary Hunter Competition Mix is a high palatable, high energy blend of cooked cereals oils and proteins. The cereals will provide a source of carbohydrates and starches which is concentrated energy, necessary when appetites decrease and will provide your horse with fast release energy.

Oils and fats from Hunter Competition mix will provide slow release energy available to be called upon during a 4-6 hour days hunting, but also ideal to maintaining a good, sound and oily skin and coat which helps replace the oils lost from the horses coat during frequent washing before and most certainly after a hunting day.

Feed regularly and often more to the work that your horse has done rather to the work you think he will do. Remember how you manage his recovery from one days hunting will prepare him for the next.