



TRACK SYSTEMS

CLAS Education

ADVANTAGES

- Increases movement whilst restricting grass intake
- Mimics the horse's natural environment
- Allows horses to express their natural behaviour
- Discourages vices and unwanted behaviour
- Creates a stimulating environment for your horse
- Has many health benefits.

DISADVANTAGES

- Can be costly to set up if a new ground surface or permanent fencing is required.
- May cost more to run due to having to provide supplement feeding.
- Can be hard on the land



WHAT IS IT?

A track system or 'Paddock Paradise' is an exciting new way of keeping horses that was created by Jaime Jackson. Instead of turning out horses in regular square or oblong fields where they just stand in one spot and eat and eat and eat, an additional "inside" fence is added to create a "track".



HOW DID IT START?

Jackson, a former farrier, undertook studies between 1982 and 1986 of feral horses interacting in their natural environment and studying how they live in the wild. He observed how wild horses travel great distances along familiar tracks each day and the Track System he created simply tries to mimic this.



WHO IS IT FOR?

A track system is perfect for horses and ponies of all ages, breeds and heights, and especially those that are prone to weight gain, laminitis/Cushing's, arthritis, boredom, and other diseases and illnesses caused by the high sugar and starch levels found in grass.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

The track encourages the horse to forage as they would naturally. It's this foraging and increased movement that also stimulates the horses and prevents boredom, which they may experience in a traditional paddock or whilst stabled.

The track width can vary. The narrower the track, the more the horse will be inclined to keep moving. However, don't make it too narrow if you have more than one horse in the field.