

TYING UP OR AZOTURIA

If your horse seems to seize up while you are riding him or shows signs of stiffness and is unwilling to move after work, he may be tying up. This is a serious condition caused by a build up of lactic acid in the muscles. Do not try to make the horse move. Cover him with a blanket and call your veterinarian.

Prevent tying up by reducing the amount of oats your horse gets when he isn't working, gradually warming up at the beginning of each riding session and carefully cooling out afterwards.