

Painful Subject

According to an IDEXX Laboratories survey of more than 2,000 horse owners and trainers regarding equine lameness, joint pain is plaguing our horses. Here's what respondents said:

Approximately 50 percent revealed that their horses suffer from some form of lameness.

More than 67 percent reported that joint problems and inflammation keep their horses from feeling in top form.

54 percent said arthritis is the main cause of lameness.

Dressage, saddleseat, barrel racing and jumping were the disciplines that saw the highest incidence of joint pain.

69 percent said they first noticed signs of joint pain when their horses were 9 years or older.