

The Wisley Feeder is designed to be used in the stable instead of a haynet. Hay or haylage should be placed inside the feeder. While eating your horse will pull the forage through the bars of the feeder. The main advantage of this process is that the horse will be eating at or just above floor level rather than at head or shoulder height where a haynet would normally be positioned. Foraging from a low level is a more natural and healthier process for a horse as this position closely resembles grazing in the field.

The feeder is a robust welded steel construction. The floor and the lid are formed from 9mm plywood treated with marine grade gloss varnish. Routine cleaning or wiping down is encouraged but the components are designed to be maintenance free.

It is very important that the feeder is securely fixed to the walls in the stable. Please use the supplied screws to secure the unit to the walls. If your stable has brick or stone walls, please use the supplied wall plugs. In this case, 8mm diameter holes should be drilled in the stonework to a depth of 50 mm.

If the stable features timber walls then the wall plugs should be discarded and 2mm diameter pilot holes should be drilled in the wood to a depth of 35 mm.

Note that the walls of the stable may be uneven or may be constructed of timber on top of a floor level course of bricks. In these cases it may be necessary to pack some of the fixing points with shims in order to ensure that the fixing points are positioned tightly against the walls. Shims could be metal washers or timber board or slats. However, in every case, it is vital that the Wisley Feeder is very securely fixed to the wall.

The floor piece can easily be inserted and removed after the feeder is installed. When placed in position the floor creates a slope which encourages the forage to slide to the front of the feeder so allowing the horse to eat all of the feed. The feeder is filled from the top by removing the lid. Push the forage down into the feeder and replace the lid. The lid must be in position before the horse is allowed to begin feeding. Do not allow any hay to become trapped between the feeder top rail and the lid because if the horse pulled on these trapped pieces then the lid may become dislodged.

We are sure that your horse will quickly become accustomed to his new Wisley Feeder and will soon much prefer it to his old haynet.

