



Portion Feeder

for specific hay provision amongst horses kept in groups



The trend towards keeping horses in groups, as is natural for the species, continues unabated. More and more horse owners are concerned with continuously improving conditions in which their animals are kept and providing the horses with an optimum living environment.

Many smaller and medium sized stables, however, come up against a problem where feeding is concerned: with constant access to hay,

the horses tend to overfeed, which can be unhealthy. An attempt to ration the feed often fails due to lack of means to keep to both frequent and regular feeding times.

As a solution to this problem, HIT has developed a new, effective feeding system for bulky feeds: with the **HorseKing-Portion Feeder**, horses are offered specific amounts of hay at set times throughout the day. With the use of a feeding computer, speci-

fic feeding times in which the horses can eat their bulky feeds can be set. In between feeding periods, a barrier closes off access to the feeder. This simple system of allocation ensures that the horses can eat in a way that is compatible with their natural feeding habits and offers the horse owner the opportunity to regulate and control the amount of bulky feeds available to the group of horses at any time.



Feeding time at the **Portion Feeder**; 2-3 horses are able to eat at the same time



Portion Feeder with closed feed barrier

All the advantages of the **Portion Feeder at a glance**

- **Hay is provided in portions**
- **Frequent feeding times throughout the day**
- **Save on hay**
- **Horses can eat in a way entirely compatible with their natural behaviour**
- **Feeding intervals encourage the horses to move around**
- **Separate feeding places reduce aggression**
- **Control functions with the control computer**
- **Feeding periods can be changed at any time**
- **Flexible filling and topping up; independent of the feeding times**
- **Hay kept in weather-proof hopper**
- **High standards of hygiene during eating**
- **Brake reduces feed loss**
- **Simple installation in new or existing yards**



product information

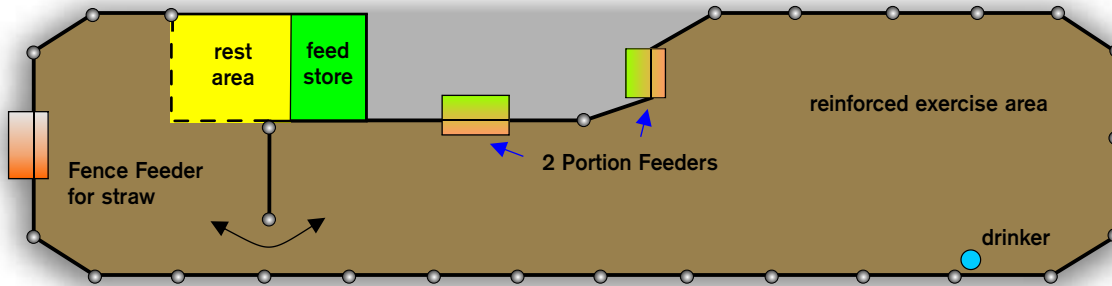
Planning examples

The Portion Feeder can easily be integrated into both new and existing yards. The situation of the feeders is flexible according to individual requirements and only needs to follow the basic rule that the horses

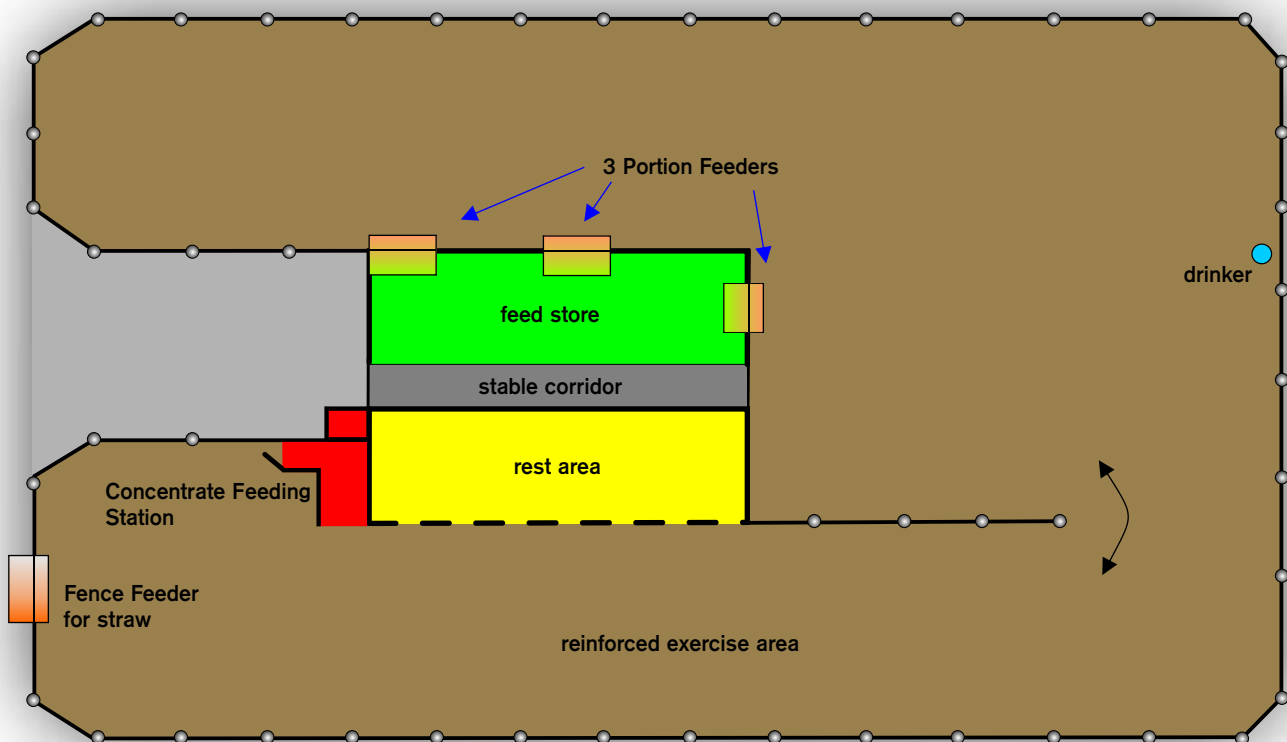
should have enough space around the feeding area to move away. For the horse-owner, it's important that the hopper can be filled easily and in such a way that time is saved. Where more Portion Feeders are to be

installed together, there should be sufficient distance between them to effectively avoid any aggressive behaviour during feeding. The following examples show how these basic planning rules can be applied:

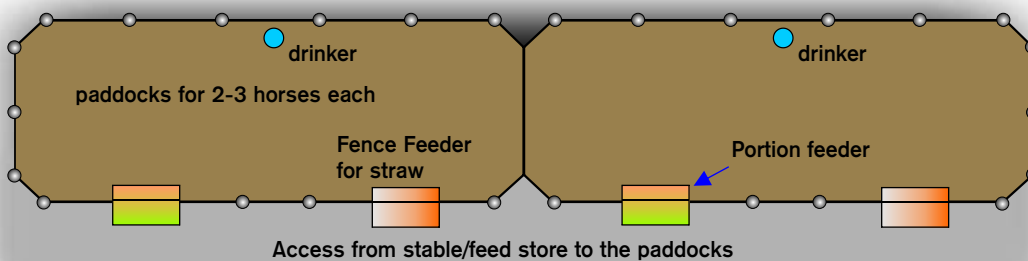
I. Group stabling with 3-6 horses



II. Group stabling with 6-9 horses



III. Group stabling for loose box horses on day paddocks



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