



IS IT OK TO GIVE YOUR PONY A TREAT?

Moms know which foods and snacks are good for you. And, just like Moms, you, as your pony's "mom" have to figure out how treats fit into your pony's diet. First, you need to make sure your pony is getting a balanced diet. Your pony needs the right mix of foods, vitamins and minerals to keep him healthy.

And, just like the treats your Mom gives you – fresh fruits, veggies and whole grains – your pony's treats need to be nutritious, not junk food.

Let's use a math problem to figure out how much your pony eats so we can compare your pony's diet to the weight of a Dobbin's Delights horse treat.

Let's say your pony weighs 500 pounds.
He needs 2% of his body weight in food each day.

To better compare we'll convert to grams . . .

A Dobbin's Delights Apple Hug weighs only 2 grams.
That's less than you eating a single raisin! A couple of Dobbin's Delights Apple Hugs probably won't ruin your pony's dinner.

$$\begin{array}{r} 500 \\ \times .02 (2\%) \\ \hline = 10 \text{ lbs of food per day} \\ \\ 10 \text{ lbs} \\ \times 454 \text{ grams per lb} \\ \hline = 4540 \text{ grams of food per day} \\ \\ = 2 \text{ grams (1 Apple Hug Treat)} \end{array}$$

Or, let's look at calories – that's how we measure how much energy you need for everyday activities. We talk about calories in our own diets because too many calories will make you overweight. And, with too few calories you won't stay healthy or have the energy to do fun things, like ride your pony.

If your pony weighs 500 pounds, he needs . . . 7,500–8,000 calories/day
Dobbin's Delights Apple Hugs are . . . 6 calories each
With such a small amount of extra calories, a Dobbin's Apple Hug would have little effect on changing your pony's weight.



You want to make sure your pony gets treats made from wholesome, natural ingredients, like Dobbin's Delights horse treats. The key is to offer a few treats, not so many that you add lots of extra calories. If your pony loves getting treats, just feed him treats in limited quantities, and not in place of a balanced meal. No doubt he'll love the special treatment!