Grass-Affected (Disorder) Catalogue of Signs

Horse's Name:	Before (Change in diet started)	After (Month or 2 o	Scale 1-10 Good-Bad
AgeHeight	Date	Date	
Hyper-sensitivity – Proprioception	– Peripheral N	ervous S	System
	1	Before Sca	le After Scale
Doesn't like to be touched/brushed			
Dislikes cover going on			
Startles at ripping of Velcro			
Girthy/reaching around to bite/ biti being saddled	ng fence while		
Endless saddle-fitting issues			
Twitchy sides/chest/flanks/withers			
Itching (paresthesia)]
Cold-backed/ takes short steps whe	n first saddled		
Ear-shy/difficult to halter/bridle			
Can't put your leg on/resents the le	g/kicks out		
Impulsive – wants to run off/go too	fast		
'Bad' with needles			
Bad reaction to being clipped			
Uncharacteristic pulling back when	tied		
Snatchy when picking up their legs	althyHo	DISE	PS 🗆 🗆
Trouble holding legs for farrier – ne low	eed to keep them		
Flinches when nails go in			
Tender/footy on hard ground			
Nose rubbing			

Like eyesight is affected nothing clinically wrong j	iust perceptio	n
	Before Scale	After Scale
Spooks – can be violent, at familiar objects		片 님
Shies away when approached		
Cannot judge distance		
Turns into a statue like they have spotted something in the distance		
Cannot judge depth – puddles/water		
'Ducks' when going under bridge/power-lines		
Claustrophobic - Rushes through narrow spaces eg. gateways		
- Floating issues/ rushes off/panics at feel of back bar		
Photophobic, (light sensitive), seeks shade	\Box	
Anxiety	Before Scale	After Scale
Tense, worried expression		
Gets easily anxious, does lots of soft/sloppy manures		
Like ADHD – no attention span	F F	ĦĦ
Unreasonable separation anxiety/herd-bound	ΠН	
Fence walking/running		
Reactive rather than responsive	HH	HH
Worse with adrenalin/Can't cope with pressure		
Extreme - take off grass immediately	Before Scale	After Scale
Cover running		
Tail whipping/clamping	HH	- H H
Random bolting, looking behind/liable to run through fence	es 🗍 🗍	
Scooting off in short bursts	ĦĦ	ĦĦ
Bolshy/bargy		
General Agitation	Before Scale	After Scale
Stands there kicking out the back with hind legs		
Objects to groundwork. Leaps/plunges/rears/lashes out	HH	HH
Excessive tail swishing	HH	HH
Escalates to aggression		

Movement	Before Scale	After Scale
Jig-jogs rather than walking out		
Appears stiff/muscle sore		
Short-stepping/tight behind		
Bunny-hops at canter/ back legs together		
Difficult to sit trot/uncomfortable to ride		
Travels hollow – default posture		
Explosive trot-canter transitions		
Crooked – leans in/unbalanced		
Refusing to jump		
Problems with Co-ordination	Before Scale	After Scale
'Sacro-iliac' issues		
Has 'permanent veer' in one direction		
Difficulty getting a particular lead		
'Hitches' a hind leg especially downward transitions		
Disunites at canter		
Knuckles over		
Stumbles over nothing		
Heavy on the forehand		
Musculo-skeletal	Before Scale	After Scale
Kissing Spines		
Locking Stifles		
Tight Muscles/travels hollow	404	
Neurological – due to bio-chemistry disturbance	Before Scale	After Scale
Head-Shaking/Flicking- involuntary sudden vertical flick of the head		
Muzzle sensitivity/twitching/flicks feed out of bowl		
'Striking'/'Boxing' muzzle		
Sudden urge to rub nose on leg or along the ground		
Violent shaking of ears		
Stringhalt		
Staggers/'drunken' unsteady gait		

Neurological – due to bio-chemistry disturbance	Before Scale	After Scale
Gives out in HQ		
Falls over		
Difficulty backing up/going down hills		
Dragging hind limb toes		
Zonked look/sleepy eyes		
Dull/lethargic <i>Metabolic</i>	Before Scale	After Scale
PSSM - All variants		
EMS		
- Obesity		
- 'Cresty' neck		
- 'Fat' pads rump/tail-head/above eyes		
- Oedema's sheath/ventral		
- Frequent urination		
Laminitis		
- Crest rock hard		
- Walking Stiffly		
- Shifting weight from foot to foot		
- Rocked back stance		
- Reluctance to move/turn		
- Lying down often	11565	
- Insulin Dysregulation		
Progresses to:		
- Mechanical damage when laminae let go		
- Pedal bone sinks		
- Convex sole		
- Extreme pain		

Cushing's Syndrome		
- Grows long, curly coat	Before Scale	After Scale
- Late with shedding or not at all		
- Muscle Wastage		
- Depression		
- Sweats easily		
- Prone to laminitis		
- ACTH > 30		
Anhydrosis		
Sweating in odd places		
Excessive sweating disproportionate to exertion		
Urine pH outside range		
Tying Up		
Recumbency – laying on side (uncharacteristic)		
Grass Tetany – Laying on side w legs rigid/ head arched back/ periodic paddling		
Narcolepsy		
Respiratory	Before Scale	After Scale
- Excessive head-tossing/snorting		
- Coughing on exertion		
- Audible, even 'raspy' breathing	M 49	
- 'No puff' when exercising		
- Pasture Heaves/difficulty with expiration/visible heave line		
- Hyper-ventilation (rapid shallow breathing)		
Allergies		
Rhinitis – inflammation/ulceration of nasal membranes		
Hives		
Urine leaves 'burn' patches		

Digestive	Before Scale	After Scale
- Loss of appetite		
- Gastric Ulcers		
- Loud gut noises		
- Faecal Water Syndrome		
- Soft/sloppy/'cow pat' manure		
- Diarrhea		
- Colic		
Skin/Hoof Problems	Before Scale	After Scale
- Mud-fever/sunburn		
- Rain Scald		
- Hair loss		
- Itching		
- Weak/scant manes and tails		
- Poor coat colour/yellow		
- Dry, dull, staring coat		
- Poor hoof wall quality		
- Hoof rings parallel		
- Repeated abscessing		
- Thrush		
- Seedy Toe		
Hormonal/Reproductive	Before Scale	After Scale
- Abnormal cycling		
- 'Raging' seasons		
- Failure to properly cycle		
- Difficulty conceiving		
- Abortions/still births/placenta irregularities		
- Geldings behaving like stallions/mounting mares		