

Forage First[®] GS

Gastric support supplement for all ages of horses
and performance levels



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Today's performance horses are challenged with a multitude of stressors including exercise, hauling, and stall confinement. Additionally, they are typically fed larger amounts of concentrates (i.e., commercial feeds and cereal grains) to support high energy requirements, which may lead to a suboptimal gastric environment, ultimately causing stomach discomfort. In fact, an estimated 90% of all performance horses experience gastric distress which can negatively affect performance, attitude, and overall health. Forage First[®] GS provides needed nutritional support for optimal gastric health. Its unique blend of ingredients support a healthy gastric pH while helping protect and strengthen the stomach lining.

Features

Benefits

Unique mineral complex	Highly bioavailable, partial marine-derived calcium and magnesium, mineral complex contained in a unique honeycomb structure that helps buffer gastric acids, supporting a proper pH.
Lecithin	Derived from soybeans, lecithin is a naturally-occurring compound containing phospholipids which can interact with the mucosal epithelium of the stomach, helping strengthen the gastric lining at the cellular level.
Chicory Root	Chicory root contains pectin and inulin, which are a soluble, fermentable fibers. Together, these two fibers can form a gel inside the gastrointestinal tract which increases the viscosity of stomach contents, slowing rate of passage. This function may help protect the stomach lining from gastric acid.
Alfalfa as the first ingredient	Alfalfa has been shown to help support gastric lining health.
Low non-starch carbohydrate (NSC*) – Does not contain molasses or cereal grains	Low starch and sugar content help support a healthy gastric environment. Dietary Starch 1.5% Ethanol-Soluble Carbohydrates (Sugar) 5.7%

*Non-Structural Carbohydrates

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Zinc	Provides an elevated level of zinc, which is an essential mineral needed for maintaining a healthy intestinal barrier and has been shown to be crucial for tissue healing.
Vitamin E	Provides an elevated level of vitamin E to protect body tissues from oxidative damage. In this way, vitamin E is vital for protection during health challenges, and may be especially important for performance horses as they are more prone to exercise-induced stomach damage.
Elevated Protein	Higher than typical amount of protein may help buffer gastric acids.
Prospanse® Yeast	Studies have shown yeast enhances feed palatability, digestibility, and hindgut fermentation.
Highly Palatable	Horses will readily consume product.
Pellet Form	Easy to top-dress on feed.

Product Form/Packaging

Pellet form in 40 lb bag (81870AAA25) or 20 lb pail (81870AAA77)

Guaranteed Analysis

Crude Protein	(Min)	17.0 %	Crude Fat	(Min)	2.0 %
Crude Fiber	(Max)	22.0 %	Acid Detergent Fiber	(Max)	25.0 %
Neutral Detergent Fiber	(Max)	30.0 %	Calcium	(Min) 5.4	(Max) 6.45 %
Phosphorus	(Min)	0.45 %	Magnesium	(Min)	1.5 %
Copper	(Min)	200 ppm	Zinc	(Min)	600 ppm
Selenium	(Min)	0.6 ppm	Vitamin E	(Min)	500 IU/lb

Ingredients

Dehydrated Alfalfa Meal, Dehulled Soybean Meal, Calcite, Magnesium Carbonate, Soy Lecithin, Dried Chicory Root, Magnesium Oxide, Brewers Dried Yeast (*Saccharomyces Cerevisiae*), Vegetable Oil, Monocalcium Phosphate, Vitamin E Supplement, Zinc Sulfate, Sodium Selenite, Copper Sulfate, Manganese Sulfate, Artificial Flavor.

Feeding Directions

Forage First® GS is a unique supplement designed for equine to provide nutritional support for gastrointestinal health. Forage First® GS contains ingredients that are recognized to help support and maintain a positive gastrointestinal environment.

Forage First GS is designed to be fed as a top-dress and/or snack. Feed at a rate of 15 g per 100 lb of body weight per meal. An average horse weighing 1,000 lb would receive 0.33 lb per meal. For best results, feed this product in 3 to 4 meals/snacks per day. Do not exceed 4 meals/snacks per day at the recommended rate. This product is not a complete feed, additional supplementation is required. Provide clean, palatable water at all times.

CAUTION: This feed contains copper. Do not feed to sheep or other copper sensitive species. Follow label directions. Feeding added selenium at levels in excess of 0.3 ppm in the total diet is prohibited.

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