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### Exagus/ Pectigus Advanced

Our gastric supplement is a nutritional supplement aimed at supporting normal gastric digestion in horses and is particularly for horses prone to gastric ulceration. It has a combination of 6 ingredients that contribute to the healing of the gastric mucosa. It can be used to reduce the incidence of recurrence of ulcers in horses where omeprazole or other pharmacological treatment has been successful. It does not contain any substances which are prohibited by the governing bodies of competitive sports within the UK.

#### 6 Key Ingredients:

- Threonine
- Glutamine
- Short chain fructooligosaccharides (scFOS)
- Laminaria hyperborean
- Calcium carbonate
- Magnesium hydroxide
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#### What is the role of these ingredients?

- Threonine
  - This is an essential amino acid in horses which means it cannot be manufactured from other compounds and must be obtained from the diet.
  - It is required for the production of mucus which is necessary to provide a protective coating to the stomach mucosa, preventing it from coming into contact with the stomach acid and causing ulceration.
- Glutamine
  - This reduces inflammation and associated damage to the stomach which reduces the incidence of gastric ulceration.

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- Short Chain Fructooligosaccharides
  - These are fermentable fibre-like carbohydrates and so act as a pre-biotic in horses.
  - They promote growth of beneficial bacteria and stabilise the ‘good’ bacterial population in the face of sudden dietary change.
  - It increases gastric acid pH which in turn reduces the incidence of gastric ulceration.
- Laminaria hyperborean (brown kelp)
  - This is highly palatable and as such most horses will happily eat Exagus.
- Calcium carbonate and Magnesium hydroxide
  - These are both antacids.
  - Calcium carbonate has been shown to promote healing of squamous mucosa (the pale pink part of your horses’ stomach).
  - Magnesium hydroxide reduces pain associated with gastric ulcers and can reduce recurrence of gastric ulceration.

There are several considerations when choosing any supplement. Firstly, it is important to understand the amount of supplement that should be fed, as feeding sub-therapeutic levels negates any potential positive effect and is therefore also a waste of your money. Secondly, worryingly it has been shown that some supplements have a greater than 30% difference between the amount of ingredient listed on the product and the amount actually contained within the product. Our products are designed specifically for us and contain exactly the amounts stated on the tub! Thirdly, the ingredients must be high quality to ensure maximum bioavailability (so the body can use and absorb it). Our products all have proven traceability for their ingredients and they have all been researched and have peer reviewed scientific literature to prove their results. This means you can sure spending your money on this supplement is worthwhile.

For short term use, a 1kg tub is available and lasts 20 days in horses. For medium term use we have 3.2kg tubs and last approximately 64 days in horses. For long term use a 12kg tub is available which reduced the cost by 25% and lasts 240 days in horses. Foals and ponies are fed half the dose of horses and therefore the tub will last twice as long in foals and ponies. You can purchase them through our office on 01260 280800 and our office staff can give you up to date pricings.

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