

Devil's Claw

A natural horse and pet supplement containing %100 dried Devil's Claw powder
Devil's Claw's main active ingredients is Harpagoside, and iridoid glycoside.

Painkiller

Devil's Claw is reputed to have two main effects – nalgesic (painkilling) and anti-inflammatory. Its analgesic properties are not controversial. A laboratory in France has obtained results that show a %78 reduction in pain using Devil's Claw..



The Devil's Claw story

Native to southern Africa, Devil's Claw (*Harpagophytum procumbens*) gets its name from the sharp little hooks that cover its fruit and cling onto passing animals.

Devil's Claw was extensively used by the Khoikhoi tribe of Southern Africa for various ailments. In 1906, a German soldier learnt about its medicinal benefits from a local healer. It was then formally introduced into Europe by O.H. Volk. Since then it has steadily become more and more widely used in both humans and animals.

Devil's Claw, otherwise known as *Harpagophytum procumbens*, grows only in the Kalahari Desert in Namibia. The roots are collected in the wild and exported all over the world, where they are extremely widely used in human as well as animal medicines.



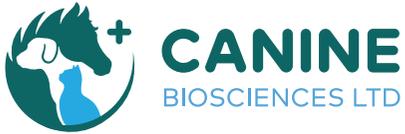


Anti-inflammatory

It is the anti-inflammatory effect of Devil's Claw that is controversial. Some studies show a marked effect, while others report little effect at the same dose. The main difference between the two extremes is the way in which it is administered. When injected into the site of swelling, the effect is greatest. Also, when it was injected into the small intestine (and therefore bypasses the stomach), the effect was greater than when fed by mouth.

Scientists put two and two together and suspected that the stomach acid partially broke down the active ingredients of the root. To prove this, they injected an extract of Devil's Claw that they had previously mixed with acid in the lab. Confirming their suspicions, the acid hydrolysed root had a lesser effect than the same root which had not been mixed with acid. The main consequence of this is that, when fed by mouth, a higher dose is needed than when injected. This is true of a lot of drugs.





Directions:

Daily amount:

Small to average pets [20-5kg]: 10/1th tsp

Large pets [40-20kg]: 5/1th tsp (0.5g)

Giant breeds [>40kg]: 3/1rd tsp

Ponies: 1 level tsp (2.5g)

Horses: 1 heaped tsps. (4g)

Mix into the feed. A 200g tub will last one large dog one year and one horse 50 days.

Please take care:

Devil's Claw is on the equine FEI Prohibited Substances list. Discontinue use 3 days prior to competing in FEI competitions.

Not for use in pregnant or lactating mares or bitches.

Don't use if your horse has ulcers or gallstones.

Don't use together with blood thinning medication or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

This is a nutritional product and is not intended as a substitute for veterinary products or advice.

Discontinue immediately at any sign of an adverse reaction.

Storage:

Store in a cool, dry place. Keep tightly sealed and away from moisture and insects.

