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# Australian Grown Chia Seed for Horses, Dogs & Cats

Salvia Hispanica commonly known as Chia belongs to the species of flowering plant in the mint family. Chia is a herb that grows annually up to 1.75m tall. It develops from a seedling into lush green foliage before it produces purple and white flowers. These flowers develop into seed pods to produce Chia seeds.

**Chia is now considered a superfood as it is high in Omega 3, dietary fibre and antioxidants. Adding Chia seeds to your pets diet is an excellent way to enhance Health.**

## POSSIBLE HEALTH BENEFITS FOR DOGS & CATS

- Helps promote a healthy coat.
- Eases joint pain and arthritis.
- Decreases body inflammation and regulates sugar levels.
- Helps absorb nutrients essential in preventing and treating diseases.
- Promotes maintenance of eye and brain development.
- Strengthens the immune system.

## HOW MUCH CHIA TO FEED DOGS & CATS

One small teaspoon of Chia can be added to moist food, or soaked for 24 to 38 hours prior in water or a low sodium broth then mixed with dry food. Chia seeds can also be added to ingredients when making pet snacks. Due to the high absorbency of Chia, fresh water should always be available.

*Note that all serving suggestions are for a medium-sized dog/cat (14-23kg) When considering adding Chia seeds to a supplement program for pets it is recommended to seek veterinary advice.

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## CHIA SEED IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO ENHANCE HEALTH IN HORSES

**"Chia seed in the Equine diet is an excellent way to enhance health. They are easy to feed, have a long shelf life and horses love the taste. Chia seed can assist with inflammatory conditions, allergies and illnesses, calming every cell within a horse's body."**

Reference: Juliet M. Getty, PhD article in IVC Journal, Winter 2014 - www.ivcjournal.com/chia-small-seed-big-benefits/

## Possible Health Benefits for Horses

- Lowering circulation insulin and glucose.
- Balancing immune functions.
- Protecting joints and ligaments.
- Reducing pain.
- Decreasing nervousness.
- Improving heart and blood vessels integrity.
- Reducing allergic reactions to insect bites.
- Diminishing respiratory inflammation.
- Supporting normal gastrointestinal function.
- Maintaining hair and hoof health.
- Healing damaged skin.
- Hydrating intestinal contents.
- Decrease inflammation.

## Protein & Fibre

Chia seed contains up to 20% quality protein. This boosts the amino acid variety available to horses, enhancing protein production throughout the body in muscles, bones, joints, skin, hooves, lungs, liver, kidney and blood as well as those areas that aid in digestion, immune function, water balance and nutrient transport. Mucilages, gums and pectin are water soluble fibres found in Chia seed, and form a gel in water.

This significantly benefits in two ways:

1. It lowers circulation insulin by reducing glucose absorption.
2. It reduces the incidence of sand colic by facilitating sand removal from the cecum.

## How Much Chia to Feed Horses

Feed ½ cup per 500kg horse as a maintenance dose. Higher amounts may be helpful for healing purposes but should not exceed 2 cups per day. Chia seed may be top dressed on a meal or soaked ahead of time and mixed in with other ingredients.

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