Focus™ is formulated using best quality organic and natural source ingredients and is free of herbs and other compounds which could ‘take the edge off’ performance. As its name suggests, Focus™ helps maintain normal nervous behaviour in Greyhounds which are excitable and lack concentration when travelling, before and during races.

Q. Why is Magnesium important in greyhound diets?

A. Magnesium is the second most abundant mineral in muscle and tissue cells and contributes to over 300 metabolic actions within the body (NRC 2006). Although the primary actions include energy production, protein synthesis, bone and teeth development, magnesium has a role in the stability of muscle and nerve cell membranes. A deficiency of magnesium, caused by a low magnesium intake in the diet or reduced absorption in high calcium and iron diets, can lead to nervous behaviour, excitability and anxiety. Affected greyhounds may be unable to cope with competitive conditions, travelling or keeping ‘their mind on the job’ or ‘focused’ on performing or racing.

A number of studies (NRC 2006) have concluded that magnesium uptake on meat and dry food diets may be as low as 7.5% from the feed.

A. Studies have indicated that uptake of ‘chelated’ magnesium in an organic yeast protein complex is much more efficiently absorbed from the small intestine in animals compared to inorganic mineral forms of magnesium. The natural organic form of magnesium is shielded by protein to minimise competition for uptake in a high calcium and/or phosphorus environment or where extra iron is present in the food. A much lower dose is effective to counteract low or inadequate dietary content in meat and dry food diets. Focus™ contains 62.5mg/g of magnesium in organic form, which is not an excessive intake of magnesium, but its uptake is deemed to be more efficient during digestion.

Q. Why does Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ contain organic magnesium?

Q. Has Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ been extensively field tested on racing greyhounds?

A. Yes. Over the past 2 years, 100’s of nervous, excitable racing greyhounds have been given a formulation containing organic magnesium, natural RRR-Vitamin E and Vitamin B1. When other synergist nutrients of Vitamin B2, B3, B6 and choline were included in a trial formulation to assist in the uptake of magnesium and Vitamin B1, the formulation was reported by trainers to be effective in over 95% of greyhounds which ‘run their race before the start’, or suffered anxiety due to their nervous disposition. The greyhounds raced better and many won races where previously they could not ‘focus’ on race day. It was concluded that the combination of nutrients in Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ have a direct role in maintaining normal nerve function.

Q. Why is natural source RRR Vitamin E included in the formulation?

A. Observations in other animals indicate that supplementation with natural source Vitamin E has a role in normalising nervous function. The inclusion of a natural source d-α-RRR tocopherol in Focus™ has the highest biological activity of all forms of Vitamin E, being 1.6 times more active compared to natural succinate forms. Focus™ also contains a small amount of refined canola oil to help provide fat for the optimum absorption of its natural fat soluble RRR form of Vitamin E.
Q. I note that Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ contains a number of other B group vitamins in the formulation. Why?

A. Magnesium, Vitamin E and Vitamin B1 require the presence of other vitamins referred to as ‘synergistic’ nutrients to ensure optimum biological activity. These include Vitamin B2, B3, B6 and choline. The trial formulation containing these ‘synergistic’ nutrients was reported by trainers as being more effective in normalising nerve function and keeping a greyhound’s ‘mind on the job’, compared with earlier formulations tested by the same trainers.

Q. Are the levels of any of the nutrients in Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ likely to provide potentially toxic levels in a racing greyhound?

A. No. The recommended maximum supplementary loading dose rates for 3 days of magnesium and other ingredients, are well within the safety range for racing greyhounds. However, because of the correction of low dietary levels of magnesium by the use of organic magnesium, once nerve function has returned to normal, the dose rate can be reduced as required or even withdrawn, relative to a greyhound’s behaviour. Short loading doses, such as for 2-3 days prior to travelling or racing, may be given as needed to maintain normal nervous function.

Q. What are the recommended dose rates?

A. Each level scoopful of Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ contains 1.5g.

Starting Dose: 1 scoopful (1.5g) per 10kg body weight (i.e. 3 scoopfuls for a 30kg greyhound) daily on evening feed for 3 days, and then reduce to ½ scoopful (0.75g) per 10kg (1½ scoopful per 30kg greyhound) body weight daily for 7 days, and then on alternate days as required.

Once normal nerve and muscle function is apparent, then the pre-race or pre-travel supplementary dose may only need to be given as required.

Pre-Travel/Pre-Race Dose: 1 scoopful (1.5g) per 10kg body weight daily for 3 days before travel or racing and on the day of the race.

Q. Does Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ show up in a swab?

A. No. Focus™ contains only natural feed nutrients which have a role in normalising nervous and muscle function. It does not make a greyhound ‘dopey’ or have an adverse effect on its race day performance.

Q. What pack sizes is Sprinter GOLD® Focus™ available in?

A. Focus™ is available in 250g and 425g packs.

At normal recommended daily dose rates for a 30kg greyhound, including 3 days of a starting dose and 7 days at a standard dose rate, the total standard course will use about 30g. This allows up to 8 repeated courses for one greyhound. The 425g pack provides a minimum of 14 repeated courses for a greyhound or a number of greyhounds.

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