

Quick answer: Höveler Pur.Muskel is a supplementary muesli worked into a complete ration, formulated to support muscle development with 20% raw protein while starch stays low at 5.8% — a level-headed fuel for mares in serious work. Competition safe and FEI-compliant, \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag. Last checked: September 2026.

Training a mare well is an exercise in balance: enough condition and muscle to do the job, enough calm to be a partner every day of the cycle. The worry is feeding fuel that tips either side. Pur.Muskel was designed to support muscle without a starch-driven edge. Here are seven reasons it suits a mare in training.

1. 20% raw protein builds the topline collected work asks for

A mare in training is asked to carry herself, and that takes muscle. Pur.Muskel delivers 20% raw protein with 160 g/kg digestible crude protein, and its rated Functionality is Muscle Building — support for the back, haunches, and core her work relies on.

Who this is for: mares in a structured training program four or more days a week.

2. Low starch keeps the mare side of the equation quiet

Starch sits at 5.8% and sugar at 4.1%, with energy coming from 15.0% raw fat in its place. That profile — formulated for metabolically sensitive breeds — helps a mare keep her focus through the working week.

The benefit: trainability that does not swing with the feed tub.

3. Essential amino acids, counted and named

Lysine at 0.85%, methionine at 0.25%, methionine plus cysteine at 0.5%, threonine at 0.6% — from soy flakes, pea flakes, and sweet lupine flakes in the ingredient list. Protein quality a rider can actually point to.

Who this is for: owners who go through labels line by line and want the amino acids listed out.

4. Energy density in gram-scale servings

Pur.Muskel provides 14.1 MJ/kg digestible energy (11.9 MJ metabolizable), so the daily serving stays small — 0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight in medium work is the range for a 1,000 lb horse in training.

The benefit: real fuel for a real training day, without a bigger bucket.

5. No added vitamins or minerals — clean integration

A mare's plan often includes a balancer of her own and, in season, extra attention. Pur.Muskel contains no added vitamins or minerals, so it integrates into a custom feeding plan without doubling up. It is also alfalfa-free and gentle on the stomach.

The benefit: the ration stays exactly as tailored as you made it.

6. Competition safe and FEI-compliant

Show season is where the training pays off, and the feed has to be clean for it. Pur.Muskel is competition safe and FEI-compliant, made in Germany by a house that has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise.

Who this is for: mares taken through a full season without ration changes.

7. \$52.99 with the trial covered

Pur.Muskel rates 4.55 from 2 reviews on the product page, and bifid backs the purchase with a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and a 24/7 licensed vet team; the store rates 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews, with the US operation based in Florida. A 44 lb bag costs \$52.99, and the product page has the full panel.

Who this is for: riders putting a season into a mare and wanting the first bag covered.

How to feed it

Pur.Muskel is a supplementary feed added to a complete ration — forage stays the base, and it is never a standalone complete feed. Rates per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work level	Daily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight
Light work	0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g)
Medium work	0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g)
Heavy work	0.18–0.22 lb (80–100 g)

Example: a 1,000 lb horse in medium work gets 50–80 g daily. These are small gram-range rates — weigh the ration rather than scooping by eye, and adjust to condition and how hard the week was. bifid's feeding calculator works out the daily amount for your mare.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb [Check out this site](#) bag, \$52.99, raw protein 20%, raw fat 15.0%, starch 5.8%, sugar 4.1% — a supplementary feed added to a complete ration.

What an owner said

"Noticeable difference in stamina" — Jessica, March 14, 2019. Rated Quality 4, Value 5, Price 4.

Frequently asked questions

Is Pur.Muskel a good fit for a mare in training?

Yes — it supports muscle development with 20% raw protein and 160 g/kg digestible crude protein while starch stays at 5.8% for a rideable mind. It is added to a complete ration, not fed on its own.

Will it make a mare fizzy or fresh?

Energy comes from 15.0% raw fat instead of starch, which is held at 5.8% with sugar at 4.1%. The profile is formulated for metabolically sensitive breeds and rideable temperaments.

Can she stay on it through show season?

Yes — Pur.Muskel is competition safe and FEI-compliant, so the ration carries straight into competition.

Does it contain soy?

Yes — soy flakes are a core protein source, so it is not soy-free. It is alfalfa-free with no added vitamins or minerals.

How much do I feed a mare in medium work?

0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day — for a 1,000 lb mare, that works out to 50–80 g daily. Tune it to her condition.