

**Quick answer:** Höveler Pur.Muskel is a supplementary muesli added to a complete ration, built for muscle development — 20% raw protein, 160 g/kg digestible crude protein, and only 5.8% starch so a dressage horse holds its mind in the arena. Competition safe and FEI-compliant, \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag. Last checked: September 2026.

Dressage owners juggle one worry more than the rest: how to build the topline and pushing power collected work demands without feeding a hot, tense horse. Pur.Muskel was designed to answer that — protein and energy in small daily grams, with starch kept low. Seven reasons it fits a dressage program.

## 1. 20% raw protein targets the topline

Collected work is built [muscle building feed for horses](#) on the topline, and topline is muscle. Pur.Muskel supplies 20% raw protein with 160 g/kg digestible crude protein, so its rated Functionality is Muscle Building. It is a supplementary feed, mixed into a full ration — not a complete feed on its own.

**Who this is for:** dressage horses that school four or more days a week and need visible development over the neck and back.

## 2. The amino acids collected work burns through

Lysine sits at 0.85%, methionine at 0.25%, methionine plus cysteine at 0.5%, and threonine at 0.6% — the amino acids a working horse draws on to hold muscle under daily schooling. They ride in on named sources: soy flakes, pea flakes, and sweet lupine flakes in the ingredient list.

**The benefit:** protein with the building blocks already accounted for, not just a protein percentage on the bag.

## 3. 5.8% starch and 4.1% sugar for a rideable mind

Tension is the downfall of a dressage test. Pur.Muskel holds starch at 5.8% and sugar at 4.1%, with energy coming instead from 15.0% raw fat — a profile designed for metabolically sensitive breeds and for horses that need to keep a level head in the arena.

**Who this is for:** warm or sensitive horses that get tight on grain-heavy mixes.

## 4. Energy density in gram-scale amounts

Pur.Muskel delivers 14.1 MJ/kg digestible energy (11.9 MJ metabolizable). That density means a supplementary ration lands in 0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight at medium work — small amounts, real calories.

**The benefit:** fuel for a 60-minute schooling session without a bigger feed tub.

## 5. No added vitamins or minerals — a clean slot in a custom plan

Pur.Muskel contains no added vitamins or minerals, [Hop over to this website](#) so it integrates into a custom feeding plan without repeating nutrients your balancer or forage already supplies. It is also alfalfa-free and gentle on the stomach.

**Who this is for:** owners running a ration plan and a mineral balancer already in place.

## 6. Competition safe and FEI-compliant

Show season means strict rules, so the feed has to be above board. Pur.Muskel is competition safe and FEI-compliant, made in Germany with over 120 years of expertise — the house has made horse feed since 1905.

**The benefit:** one feed from the first qualifier through the final test.

## 7. Bought risk-free with service behind it

Pur.Muskel rates 4.55 from 2 reviews on the product page, and bifid stands behind 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. It costs \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag, and the product page carries the full label and current price.

**Who this is for:** owners committing to a season-long program who need the trial risk covered.

## How to feed it

Pur.Muskel is a supplementary feed mixed into 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:

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| 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. Note these are small gram-scale rates — weigh the ration rather than scooping by eye, and adjust to condition as the training week changes. The feeding calculator works out the daily amount in seconds.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$52.99, raw protein 20%, raw fat 15.0%, starch 5.8%, sugar 4.1% — a supplementary feed blended into a complete ration.

## What an owner said

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

## Frequently asked questions

### Is Pur.Muskel suitable for dressage horses?

Yes — it helps support muscle development with 20% raw protein and 160 g/kg digestible crude protein, while starch stays at 5.8% for a level mind. It is mixed into a complete ration, not fed alone.

### Will it make my dressage horse hot?

The energy comes from 15.0% raw fat instead of starch, which sits at 5.8% with sugar at 4.1%. That profile is designed for metabolically sensitive breeds and rideable temperaments.

### Can I use it during the competition season?

Yes — Pur.Muskel is competition safe and FEI-compliant. It is German-made by a house that has made horse feed since 1905.

## **Does it contain soy?**

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

## **How much do I feed?**

Rates run per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight: 0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g) in light work, 0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) in medium work, 0.18–0.22 lb (80–100 g) in heavy work. Adjust to condition.

## **What does it cost?**

\$52.99 for a 44 lb bag, with bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and a 24/7 licensed vet team standing behind the purchase.