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Herbal Spotlight: Yunnan Bai Yao

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Yunnan Bai Yao is a Chinese Herbal Medicine that is unique for a number of reasons. One of which is that it is an herbal medicine that has crossed over into the western medical world, being used by specialty and emergency hospitals and surgeons as it is known for its ability to stop bleeding. Yunnan Bai Yao is used worldwide not only for pets but humans too! It supports blood homeostasis and wound healing.



Yunnan Bai Yao was developed by a Chinese man named Qu Huanzhang from the Yunnan Province in 1902. He explored the entire region to taste its hundreds of herbs. He formulated “Qu Huanzhang Panacea” which became Yunnan Bai Yao. In fact, this herbal formula is named for the



Yunnan Province and the color of the final product, White (Bai). Yao translates to Medicine making the full translation Yunnan White Medicine. “As an indication of its value, it is noted that during the 1940s, army commander Wu Xuexian was seriously injured in his right leg. The French hospital in Kunming (capital of Yunnan) recommended amputation to save Wu's life. Wu turned to Qu for help, and to everyone's surprise, recovered without the need for an amputation. Yunnan Baiyao gained the reputation as a miracle remedy. After the death of Qu, his wife, Liao Lanying, donated the secret prescription to the government*”

Yunnan Bai Yao’s main ingredients are Noto Ginseng (San Qi) which has the action of stopping bleeding, reducing swelling, and relieving pain, and

Dioscorea (Huan Shan Yao, Ku Liang Jiang, and Chuan Shan Long) which have the Chinese Medical effects of tonifying Qi, resolving Stagnation, and invigorating Blood.

The formula is constructed to stop bleeding from any cause. It can be used to treat surgical bleeding, bleeding wounds, nose bleeds, blood in the urine and the stool, and bleeding from cancerous tumors including Hemangiosarcoma, a cancer usually found in larger breed dogs in the spleen and/or liver. To construct the herbal formula, the ingredients are ground into a fine powder and encapsulated for ease of administration. It can be used either topically or orally and Dr. Xie, the founder of the Chi University, states that it is one of the few emergency herbal formulas herbalists carry all of the time.



*https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yunnan_Baiyao

What do military working dogs do?

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The U.S. military uses dogs in all branches of the service. Dogs are trained for specific jobs, including tracking, explosive detection, patrol, search and rescue, and attack. Their work is invaluable, and it's no wonder that these dogs are precious resources.

In fact, they're in such high demand that there is currently a scarcity of trained Military Working Dogs (MWD). According to Air Force statistics, the number of dogs is about 38 percent lower than during the height of the war in Afghanistan.

Military working dogs: Facts and Figures

- All military working dogs and their handlers are trained at the 341st Training Squadron located at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.
- Holmdel, New Jersey, is home to the United States War Dogs Memorial. Its centerpiece is a bronze statue of a Vietnam War soldier and his dog. The memorial pays tribute historically to all of America's war dogs.
- The earliest recorded use of canines in combat was by Alyattes of Lydia against the Cimmerians around 600 BC.
- The Military Working Dog Teams National Monument is a U.S. National Monument at Lackland Air Force Base. It was founded by John Burnam, published author, Vietnam veteran infantryman and German Shepherd Scout Dog handler (1966-68). It represents all wars since World War II and all five U.S. Armed Services (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard). The cost of construction was provided by corporate sponsors and public donations raised by the John Burnam Memorial Foundation.
- A research and development program has been established at Lackland Air Force Base to study improved body armor and gas masks for military working dogs.
- The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Veterinary Service is a subordinate unit of the Army Public Health Center that is responsible for health care for the approximately 900 dogs/puppies at Lackland Air Force Base. That team includes 14 veterinarians, 23 technicians, and six non-medical support personnel.
- About 10 percent of military working dogs for the Department of Defense are bred at Lackland. The rest are purchased from approximately 30 vendors stateside and overseas.
- The U.S. Postal Service recognized military working dogs [with a stamp set](#) in 2019 that includes the [German Shepherd Dog](#), [Labrador Retriever](#), Belgian Malinois, and [Dutch Shepherd](#).

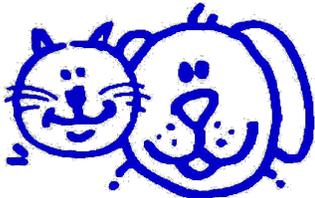
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