Lower urinary tract diseases are all those which affect the bladder and urethra. The etiology can be idiopathic, associated with the presence of uroliths and bacterial infections, anatomical disturbances, neoplasia, etc. Regardless of the cause, they are usually present with common symptoms such as dysuria, pollakiuria, hematuria and stranguria. If the factors causing these conditions are not corrected, frequent recurrences of the pathology often occur; for this reason it is advisable that some of the treatments are maintained for long periods, even indefinitely.

**Active ingredients** (per soft chew):

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**Composition** (in descending order): Poultry meal, glycerine, N-acetyl-D-glucosamine, rice starch, soya lecithin, duck fat, Vaccinium macrocarpon extract (cranberry), glucose syrup, Zea mays stigma extract (maize), wheat maltodextrin, sodium chloride.

**Analytical constituents**: Protein 32.05%; fat content 12.50%; crude fibre ≤0.50%; crude ash 9.75%; moisture 25.10%; calcium 2.20% ; phosphorus 1.67%; sodium 0.74%; magnesium 0.14%; potassium 0.55%; chloride 0.11%; sulphur 0.31%; acidifying substances in the urine (cranberry extract) 2.50%.

**Mechanism of action**:  
- N-acetyl-glucosamine provides protection (mechanical resistance) to strengthen the inner mucosa of the bladder formed by GAGs, consequently:  
  - It prevents germs and crystals in the urine from adhering to the inner lining of the bladder, thus diminishing the incidence of infections.  
  - It reduces the permeability of the wall, preventing the passage of harmful substances through the urothelium.  
  - The decrease of GAGs in the mucosa of the bladder (formed by N-acetyl-glucosamine, among others) is related to the onset of idiopathic cystitis. It is essential to maintain appropriate levels of N-acetyl-glucosamine to prevent recurrences in cats predisposed or prone to this pathology.  
- Vaccinium macrocarpon acidifies the urine, thus increasing the solubility of struvite uroliths, thereby avoiding their formation and aggregation. Its acidifying capacity (it contains malic acid, citric acid and quinic acid) gives it additional antiseptic properties. It also contains proanthocyanidins that reduce the ability of pathogenic bacteria to adhere to the epithelium of the urinary tract, thus reducing urinary tract infections. It is also useful as a urinary deodoriser by neutralising the ammonia.  
- Zea mays contains tannins that are astringent, diuretic and anti-inflammatory, consequently it increases the volume of urine and allows for greater dilution of urolith-forming minerals.

**Indicaciones:**  
- Long term management of FLUTD.  
- Struvite uroliths (dissolution and prevention).  
- Urinary tract infections (treatment and prevention).  
- Idiopathic cystitis (treatment and prevention).
Directions of use:

- **DIALIX® UT Feline:**
  - Initial dose (2-4 weeks): 1 chew/5kg/12h, or 2 chews/5kg/24h.
  - Maintenance dose: 1 chew/5kg/24h.
- **DIALIX® UT Canine:** ½ chew/15kg/12h or 1 chew/15kg/24h.

Presentation:

- **DIALIX® UT Feline:** 30 Chews.
- **DIALIX® UT Canine:** 30 Chews.

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- Quick Reference Guide (DIALIX® line)
- Magazine advertising (DIALIX® line)
- DIALIX® B Tech Sheet
- DIALIX® Lespedeza Tech Sheet
- DIALIX® V Tech Sheet
- Compilation of published research articles (abstracts)

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