

## Beautiful Dragons Pure Calcium Carbonate (ultra fine powder)

This is a human grade, calcium carbonate ultra fine powder. It is manufactured for human use and is normally bought by companies to be made into liquid calcium supplements and high calcium powdered drink mixes. The shelf life of this product depends on how well it is stored, and if stored properly it can last 5 years or longer. We ask that you keep the calcium stored in a cool, dark location. Over time, exposure to light will shorten its shelf life. Refrigeration is not required.

The calcium powder is very fine, finer than baking flour and baby powder. It easily coats to live prey (crickets, mealworms, superworms, silkworms, roaches, waxworms, etc). It has no odor or taste and has a slightly off white color. We also use it to lightly dust salads.

Why use pure calcium carbonate? No D3 or added vitamins... It's a controversial topic, but some researchers believe that vitamin D3, when supplied in vitamin form, is not absorbed well. Excess D3 is stored in the liver and can cause potential problems. When a reptile has an adequate supply of calcium, UVB, and a proper diet, there is no need for additional D3 supplementation. For more info on this top, read Melissa Kaplan's article on <u>Vitamin Supplementation</u>. She uses plain old calcium carbonate for all her reptiles, just like we do.

We received a few requests to offer our calcium carbonate powder in bulk. So here it is! :-D There's no fancy packaging, just a Ziploc style baggie with one full pound of pure calcium carbonate powder.

