

Worming

Hard evidence shows that continuing use of the same active worming ingredient can lead to resistance so it seems logical to adopt a rotational approach to product choice. Strategic worming is an effective way of selecting for specific parasites during the grazing season.

JANUARY	5 DAY PANACUR GUARD – Fenbendazole	Roundworms and encysted Larvae
FEBRUARY		
MARCH	Worm egg count & Tapeworm blood test EQUI MAX - Ivermectin	If less than < 150 eggs per gram don't worm. If > than 150 worm Roundworm, Tapeworm and Bots
APRIL		
MAY	Worm egg count EQUEST – Moxidectin (Not foals under 4 months use EQVALAN -Ivemectin)	Roundworms and bots
JUNE		
JULY	Worm egg count EQUEST – Moxidectin (Not foals under 4 months use EQVALAN -Ivermectin)	Roundworms and Bots
AUGUST		
SEPTEMBER		
OCTOBER	EQUEST PRAMOX or EQUI MAX Moxidectin & Praziquantel	Roundworms, encysted small redworms, tapeworms and bots
NOVEMBER		
DECEMBER		

It is important to give the correct dose for the weight of the horse to avoid under dosing and worm resistance. A weight tape used around the girth should be used to obtain a fairly accurate weight. On average a 12.2hh pony weighs 250-300 kg, a 15.2hh middleweight will

be around 500 kg. Most syringes contain enough to worm a 600 kg horse and 1 sachet is enough to treat a 300kg pony.

Droppings should be picked up daily, and fields rotated and rested. All horses in the same field should be wormed together.

Regular worm egg counts and tape worm blood tests should be used early in the year particularly in horses that are at low risk ie horses that are not mixed with lots of other horses. These are charged at £12.50 inc VAT for the worm egg count and £38 inc VAT for the ELISA tape worm test.



Although the test is not 100% accurate if repeated at 3 month intervals it is a fairly good guide to help reduce the frequency of worming. Tape worm tests should be taken annually. This is only a guide and will not suit every horse in every situation so feel free to ring or email for advice for your particular horse on 07824443683 email sambishop@sbequine.co.uk

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