

WORM CONTROL FOR ADULT HORSES



COMMON HORSE WORMS IN THE UK

All horses are exposed to worms while grazing, but how we control these parasites is essential to horse health and performance.

Best practice worm control involves testing to determine whether horses need deworming. The tests comprise faecal worm egg counts (FEC) for redworm/roundworm, EquiSal Tapeworm saliva testing to detect tapeworm, and the small redworm test which detects all stages of the life cycle including the encysted larval phase. Together, these tests offer a complete worm control programme for common horse worms using diagnostic information. This is known as 'diagnostic-led worm control'. Essentially, testing is used to tell you whether your horse needs deworming or not.

Why should you use testing to determine whether to use dewormers or not?

Routinely administering dewormers is out-dated as this has caused widespread drug resistance – meaning that worms are able to survive the killing effects. To reduce the risk of resistance, dewormers should only be used when testing detects that horses have a worm burden requiring treatment. It is also good practice not to administer drugs unless they are really needed.

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HOW TO PLAN YOUR HORSE'S WORM CONTROL PROGRAMME



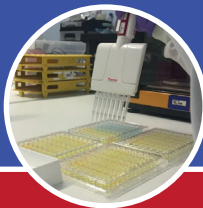
TAPEWORM PROGRAMME

UK Vet guidelines state that blood or EquiSal Tapeworm saliva testing should be conducted to detect tapeworm burdens. Testing should be carried out every six months, preferably during spring and autumn.



REDWORM AND ROUNDWORM

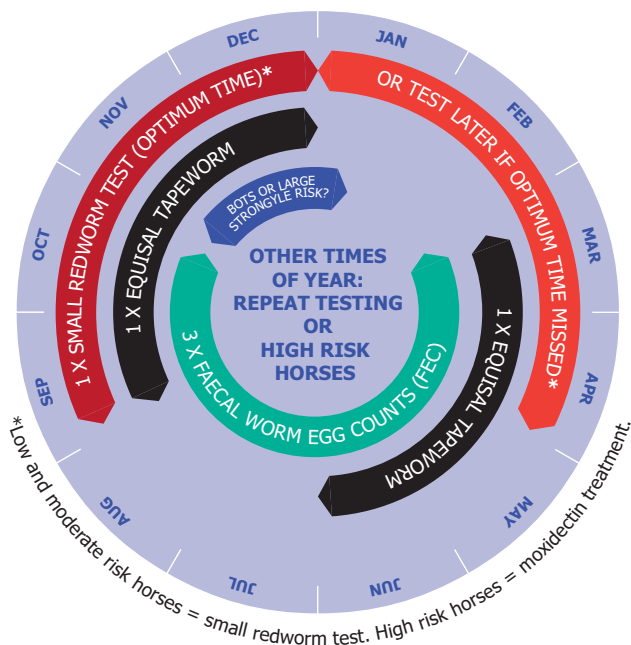
FEC analysis (at least three tests) should be carried out to assess egg shedding throughout March to October for detection of adult redworm and roundworm.



AUTUMN/WINTER TESTING FOR SMALL REDWORM

Use the small redworm test between September to December to inform on moxidectin treatment for encysted redworm. If this time period is missed then testing should be considered until April. High risk horses are not recommended for testing#.

SEASONAL DIAGNOSTIC-LED WORM CONTROL PROGRAMME SUITABLE FOR MOST ADULT HORSES IN THE UK.



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