

Kopec Veterinary Associates

Deworming Strategies



The most effective deworming
protocol for you and your horse

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Why do I need to deworm my horse?

- ALL horses have parasites within their digestive tract.
- If you do not deworm your horse, this allows the parasite burden to grow and potentially cause problems
- A horse that has a high parasite burden can have:
 - Poor hair coat
 - Become unthrifty or a "hard keeper"
 - Develop an itchy tail or other skin problems
 - Colic

Why Fecal Testing?

- Allows us to provide you with a specific deworming protocol for your horse.
- Most horses have a high natural immunity against parasites and only need to be dewormed twice yearly.
- Horses that have higher burdens need to be dewormed three or four times yearly.
- To determine your horse's parasite burden, fecal samples should be submitted every 6 months for three consecutive samples followed by annual samples.
- Fecal samples should only be submitted if your horse has NOT been dewormed within the last 12-16 weeks.

Proper Deworming Protocol for Horses OVER 2 Years of Age

Shedding Class	Low	Mod	High
March	Fecal Test	Fecal Test	Fecal Test
April	Mox	Mox	Mox
June			Ivm
July		Ivm	
August			Ivm
October	Fecal Test	Fecal Test	Fecal Test
November	Ivm/ Prazi	Ivm/ Prazi	Ivm/ Prazi

Proper Deworming Protocol for Horses UNDER 2 Years of Age

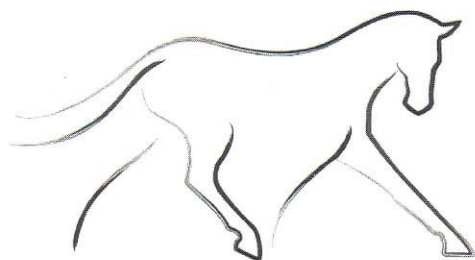
3 months of age	Fenbendazole (Panacur)— Double dose
6 months of age	Fenbendazole (Panacur)— Double dose
9 months of age	Ivermectin or Moxidectin
12 months of age	Ivermectin/ Praziquantel or Moxidectin/ Praziquantel
12-24 months of age	Deworm like a "High Shedder" (4x/year)

KEY

Mox = moxidectin (Quest or Quest Plus)

Ivm = ivermectin (multiple brands)

Ivm/Prazi = ivermectin/
praziquantel (Equimax or ZimectrinGold)



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fostering an innovative health
care partnership with you and
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