



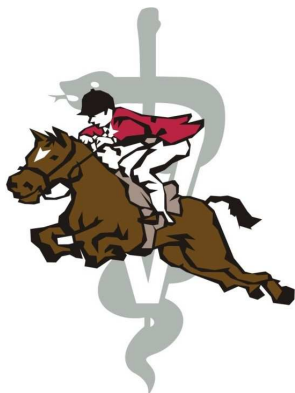
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THE LATEST AND GREATEST DEWORMING STRATEGY

The science of deworming your horse
has evolved again.

Greetings!

Here at Tacoma Equine Hospital we are trying to stay on the cutting edge of new developments to keep your horse at his healthiest. As always though, we work to tailor our treatments to what you, the owner, feel most comfortable with. Following are the details on a new deworming schedule that some of you may appreciate and wish to incorporate into your horse's health maintenance plan.

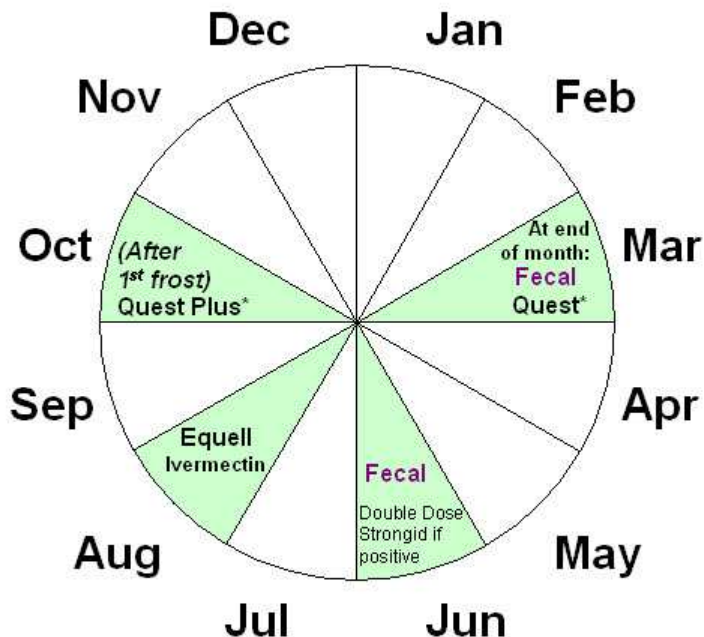
If you have questions or are concerned with the schedule you are on now we would love to review it with you and discuss if it is the best for your situation. For a list and description of the 4 different deworming schedules we recommend, as well as a general review of parasites and deworming check out our website www.tacomaequine.com under "[Preventative Care.](#)"

Green Deworming

New studies have shown that parasite resistance to dewormers is on the rise, that dewormers can be toxic to the environment and beneficial insects, and that some horses have a natural resistance to worms. Therefore, the veterinary community has developed a more targeted or strategic deworming program that we are pleased to present to you.



Illustrated below is a basic outline of the yearly plan.



Strategic use of dewormers are timed to be used during the rising infective parasite load, which coincides with the time of greatest risk of infection for the horse. For the Northwest, this is summertime. Deworming is done at intervals over the spring, summer and fall. This helps prevent the build-up of heavy loads of parasites on pasture and reduces total number of treatments in a year. In the winter, parasites aren't reproducing, even in the stalls, so deworming during this time is overkill and can actually promote parasite resistance.

As you can see, doing routine fecal exams/egg counts are now a part of the yearly routine. These allow us to deworm only when the horse needs it, monitor for resistance developing in the parasite population, and also identify those horses that may have a natural immunity to parasites and can be dewormed less often. This, among other things, will decrease the amount of money being spent on dewormers and decrease the amount of chemical

contamination on pastures.



Also of paramount importance to the success of this plan is controlling environmental contamination through removal of manure every 3 days from the premises, followed by disposal or composting. Composting kills parasite eggs and larvae; therefore only composted manure should be spread on pastures. Removing manure keeps horses from reinfesting themselves and is a far superior parasite control than anthelmintic chemicals. Another perk of cleaning pastures is that it will provide 50% more grazing area. You'll know you have clean pastures and the correct stocking density when the areas they graze on are separate from the areas they defecate on. See www.manuremaidens.com and www.piercecd.org website for more information

Always remember to quarantine new horse arrivals on your farm as they may be introducing resistant parasites to your controlled environment. Call us for ideas on where to start your new arrival on the deworming schedule.

This is a deworming recommendation for adult/normal-sized horses. If you have miniature horses, young horses or excessively thin horses we may need to modify this program slightly. Please call our office for a phone consultation or to schedule an appointment to discuss your horse's deworming schedule. 253-535-6999.

Don't forget, all of our deworming packages take the guesswork out of deworming and are discounted 10% if purchased on a yearly basis.

Tacoma Equine Hospital is dedicated to offering you the newest and best preventative medicine to help insure the health of your horse.

**Call us anytime for a phone consultation
or to set up an appointment!**

Sincerely,

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