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STRATEGIC DEWORMING: ADULT HORSE (4+ YRS)

My Horse's Fecal Egg Count Result _____ eggs per gram (epg)

		Low Risk <200 epg	Medium Risk 200 – 500 epg	High Risk >500 epg	Daily Deworming [^]
Winter	December			Fenbendazole	
	January				
	February				
Spring	March	Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin	Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin	Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin	Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin
	April				
	May				
Summer	June		Pyrantel Pamoate ⁺	Pyrantel Pamoate	
	July				
	August				
Fall	September	Quest Plus*	Quest Plus*	Quest Plus*	Quest Plus*
	October	Administer after first hard freeze	Administer after first hard freeze		Administer after first hard freeze
	November				

*Extreme caution should be used when administering Quest Plus to foals, young, and miniature horses, as overdosage may result in serious adverse reactions. Do not use in sick, debilitated or underweight animals.

⁺If on pasture in winter but not in summer, give Pyrantel Pamoate in the winter 14 weeks following Quest Plus.

[^]Daily dewormer is **not** recommended for most horses. Please consult with your veterinarian prior to starting your horse on this protocol.

Please refer to the back of this page to determine your horse's weight prior to deworming.

Good Parasite Management Practices

- Routinely remove manure from pastures, paddocks and stalls every 1-3 days.
 - If ambient temperature is <50°F consistently, can decrease to every 7-10 days
- Do not spread manure on pasture unless properly composted.

Pregnant Mares

- Only use products specifically approved for the use in pregnant mares, as noted on the product label.
- Follow adult horse deworming protocol throughout pregnancy. Deworm within 1 week of foaling with an Ivermectin product to reduce parasite transmission to the foal.

Geriatric Horses, Hard-Keepers, & Cushing's Horses

- Fecals should be performed at least twice a year due to decreased immunity.

**These are general guidelines for parasite management in the horse.
Please consult your veterinarian to develop a specific deworming protocol for your horse.**

DETERMINING YOUR HORSE'S WEIGHT

The most accurate way to obtain a horse's weight is to use a scale. If a horse-sized scale is unavailable, the next most accurate method is using the following formula to estimate weight:

$$(\text{Heart girth} \times \text{heart girth} \times \text{body length})/330$$

*all measurements should be taken in inches using a vinyl measuring tape

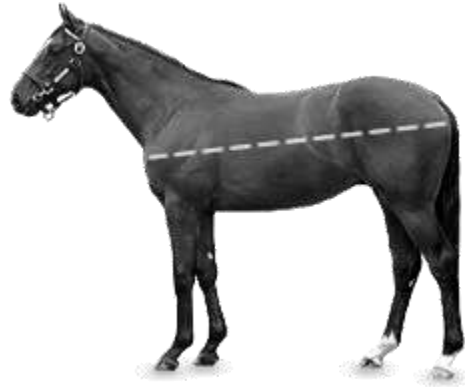
How to measure "heart girth"

Measure around the girth area, directly behind the elbow and withers



How to measure "body length"

Measure from the point of the shoulder to the point of the buttock



Illustrations Courtesy of TheHorse.com

- For a handy weight estimation tool, go to:
www.thehorse.com/articles/31852/adult-horse-weight-calculator
- There is also a video available at:
www.thehorse.com/videos/30407/how-to-measure-your-horse-to-estimate-his-weight
- This calculation may not be accurate for very tall horses, miniature horses, or young horses.
- Weight tapes are much less accurate than the above calculations but should be able to give you a rough estimate of weight.