



STRATEGIC DEWORMING: MINIATURE HORSE

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 + Praziquantel | Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin + Praziquantel | Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin + Praziquantel | Fecal Egg Count Ivermectin + Praziquantel |
| | April | | | | |
| | May | | | | |
| Summer | June | | Ivermectin ⁺ | Ivermectin | |
| | July | | | | |
| | August | | | | |
| Fall | September | Double dose Fenbendazole for 5 days Administer after first hard freeze | Double dose Fenbendazole for 5 days Administer after first hard freeze | Double dose Fenbendazole for 5 days | Double dose Fenbendazole for 5 days |
| | October | | | | |
| | November | | | | |

*If on pasture in winter but not in summer, give Ivermectin in the winter 8 weeks following Fenbendazole.

[^]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 MINI'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:

$$(\text{heart girth} \times 9.36) + (\text{body length} \times 5.01) - 348.53$$

*measurements should be taken in inches using a vinyl measuring tape with the horse standing squarely

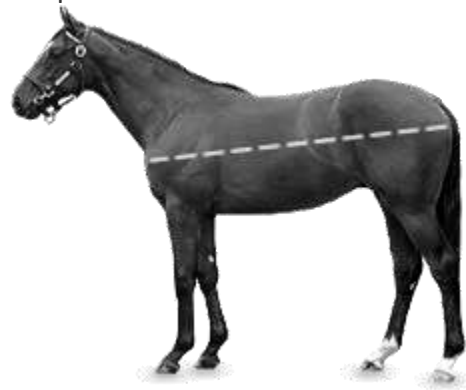
How to measure "heart girth"

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

- There is a video showing how to take measurements available at: www.thehorse.com/videos/30407/how-to-measure-your-horse-to-estimate-his-weight
- This calculation is not accurate for full size 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.