

Guide To Parasite Control

Franklin Equine Services encourages their clients to perform FEC (fecal egg counts) on their horses on a regular basis. Due to resistance being developed to certain classes of dewormers, it is imperative that horse owners be apprised of their horse's parasite levels. Deworming intervals can be lengthened in the event your horse has a low level ("low shedder") of parasites. By lengthening this level, not only is it a savings for the horse owner, but also prevents development of possible resistance to current dewormers.

On the contrary, if your horse is a "high shedder", he will require more frequent deworming treatments. The following is a guide. There are numerous factors that control parasites within your horse. Please discuss setting up an individualized deworming program for your horse.

We use the McMasters technique to determine the fecal egg count. This requires a small (fresh) sample of manure. Please place it in a zip-lock bag, mark with the patients name and refrigerate. It should be dropped off at the hospital or given to one of our veterinarians at your farm or facility.

The following guide is for informational purposes:

ADULT HIGH SHEDDERS

	April	June	Sept	Dec
Submit Fecal:	YES	YES	YES	YES
Deworm With:	Panacur or Safeguard	Ivermectin w/praziquantel (Equimax or Zimectrin Gold)	Strongid Paste	Quest Plus, Equimax, or Zimectrin Gold

ADULT LOW SHEDDERS

	June	Sept	Dec
Submit Fecal:	YES	YES	YES
Deworm With:	Ivermectin w/praziquantel (Equimax or Zimectrin Gold)	no action needed	Quest Plus, Equimax, or Zimectrin Gold

FOALS

	6-8 Weeks	14-16 Weeks	22-24 Weeks	30-32 Weeks	After 38 Weeks
Submit Fecal:	NO	YES	YES	YES	Follow Adult Schedule
Deworm With:	Panacur	Strongid	Panacur	Strongid	-----