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## EQUINE DEWORMING PROGRAMS

The three methods recommended for internal parasite control in the horse are:

### INTERVAL DEWORMING PROGRAM

Deworm your horse every six to eight weeks with over-the-counter dewormer pastes. We recommend rotating types of dewormers every time a treatment is administered to prevent any parasite from becoming resistant to any type of dewormer.

#### *SAMPLE PROGRAM*

January: Bendazoles ( <i>Panacur, Safeguard, etc.</i> )	July: Ivermectin ( <i>Eqvalan</i> )
March: Ivermectin + Praziquantel ( <i>Equimax</i> )	September: Bendazole Purge ( <i>Panacur</i> )
May: Pyrantel Pamoate ( <i>Strongid</i> )	November: Ivermectin + Praziquantel ( <i>Equimax</i> )

### DAILY DEWORMING PROGRAM

The daily deworming products (e.g. Strongid C) contain pyrantel, the same drug as in Strongid paste, except in much lower doses. This low dose of medicine prevents immature worms from developing into adult worms in the horse's intestinal tract. In essence, Strongid C does not kill worms; it prevents them from growing. Daily Strongid C is a sound deworming choice for any horse. In hard-to-keep horses, or horses with medical problems, worm prevention has direct advantage; Strongid C has also been shown to be the best method for eliminating tapeworms. Unfortunately, Strongid C is not effective against Bot Worms, so a horse being dewormed with Strongid C still requires a semiannual ivermectin paste administration.

#### *SAMPLE PROGRAM*

January thru December:	Daily Pyrantel Tartrate ( <i>Strongid C</i> )
March and November:	Moxidectin ( <i>Quest</i> ) Moxidectin + Praziquantel ( <i>Quest Plus</i> )

### STRATEGIC DEWORMING PROGRAM

A program designed to only worm at certain times of the year, when fecal egg counts rise and to identify those horses that are persistent carriers.

0-200 \*epg – recheck fecal in 3 months  
200-400 epg - deworm and recheck fecal in 3 months  
400 and over – deworm and recheck fecal in 2 months

\*EPG = (egg per gram)