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EQUINE STRATEGIC DEWORMING PROGRAM

First and foremost, this deworming program is best for your horse. It does take commitment and good communication to make this work. We customize each program according to the needs of your horse as an individual.

The method recommended for internal parasite control in the horse is strategic deworming because:

1. It is healthier for the horse.
2. It eliminates over treating.
3. It uncovers the shedders in your herd.
4. It identifies the specific parasites present.
5. It helps control the drug resistant parasite population.

Begin by having a fecal egg count done. Then:

1. If positive deworm with Quest Plus, recheck fecal in 16 weeks.
2. If positive and debilitated, deworm with Strongid P, recheck fecal in 8 weeks.
3. If 0-200 epg* at the recheck bring in another fecal in 2 months.
4. If over 200 epg* deworm again for specific parasite found.

Conditions in the Willamette Valley do not get hot or cold enough for long enough for long enough to kill the parasites, so if you spread the manure it must be composted first to kill parasites in their various stages of development.

**Show horses should have a zero tolerance for fecal egg count.

Young horses (less than 1 year of age) should be dewormed each month starting at 1 month of age.

All horses need to be dewormed at least twice yearly. (both of these for tapeworms).

Please call (541) 689-0205 for a custom deworming strategy for your horse.

*EPG = (egg per gram)

** positive for any eggs in fecal, the horse needs to be dewormed.