

Equine Veterinary Service
Thomas A. Judd, D.V.M.
Lila H. Solomon, D.V.M.

(207) 657-5885

www.tomjudddvm.com · tjudddvm@maine.rr.com

De-worming Schedule

This is a strategic de-worming program. It is designed to protect horses against specific parasites that we have found to be problematic for horses in this area. In order to prevent the parasites from causing damage to the horse, the program targets parasites which develop during certain times of the year. Yearly fecal exams are recommended for horses that are part of our strategic de-worming program to monitor individual response. When purchasing de-wormers, purchase products that contain the active ingredients (chemical names) listed below. Keep in mind that the individual product names may vary. (*The chemical name of the de-wormer will be listed with the brand name in parentheses*).

This de-worming program is recommended for horses 1 year of age or older and in good health.

- January 1:** Broad Spectrum de-wormer such as fenbendazole (Panacur, Safe-Guard); oxibendazole (Anthelcide EQ)
- March 1:** Ivermectin 1.87% (Equell, Equimectrin, Equalen, Ivercare, Zimectrin), for general de-worming.
- April 15:** Moxidectin (Quest), to treat encysted strongyles.
- June 15:** **Either *double dose*** pyrantel pamoate (Strongid, Strongyle Care) **OR *single dose*** praziquantel combination product with either ivermectin or moxidectin (Equimax, ComboCare, Quest Plus, Zimectrin Gold), to treat tapeworms.
- August 15:** Ivermectin 1.87% (Equell, Equimectrin, Equalen, Ivercare, Zimectrin) for bots; first dose.
- October 15:** Ivermectin 1.87% (Equell, Equimectrin, Equalen, Ivercare, Zimectrin) for bots; second dose.
- November 25:** Broad Spectrum de-wormer such as fenbendazole (Panacur, Safe-Guard); oxibendazole (Anthelcide EQ)

For foals 60 days to 1 year of age:

Every 30 days: Ivermectin 1.87% (Equell, Equimectrin, Equalen, Ivercare, Zimectrin). **Dosed to weight.**