**Equine Drenching Recommendations**

**About**

Adult horses have differing abilities to control their own worm burden. We can make a tailored drenching programme based on taking one FEC (faecal egg count) from the faeces of a horse. This means you can reduce the number of times you drench your horses and tailor drenching for each horse. Up to 70% of horse will only need two drenches a year, others may need three or four, depending on the results from the FEC.

**When to do a faecal egg count?**

FECs can be done any time during autumn or spring (summer and winter counts are less reliable). We need to know when your last drench was use and what you used:

* After moxidectin - > 16 weeks
* After ivermectin - > 12 weeks
* After BZs or pyrantel > 9 weeks

Other important info includes: age, health status, breeding mate, etc.

**Faecal egg count procedure**

* Use gloves, collect one faecal sample, at least the size of a golf ball
* Label each sample with the horse’s name and date sample is collected
* Send a fresh sample to the clinic within 12 hours of collection
* If you are storing a sample, refrigerate. DO NOT FREEZE
* Bring samples to the clinic ASAP

**Drenching guidelines**

* Low shedders (FECs <200)
  + May (late autumn) = Ultramox
  + November = triumph
* Medium shedders (FECs 200-500)
  + May (late autumn) = Ultramox
  + November = triumph
  + March = triumph
* High shedders (FECs >500)
  + May (late autumn) = Ultramox
  + November = triumph
  + January = triumph
  + March = triumph

Other information

* Cost: $29.95 per FEC
* An automatic reminder can be set for your horse to ensure they get drenched at the correct time