



Wensum Valley Veterinary Surgeons

Targeted Worming Scheme

Information and Registration Form

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Management of worms can be complicated, and it is very easy to be overwhelmed with information – when to worm, what with and why!

Most horses don't require treatment for their worm burden. Studies have shown **4 out of 5 wormers are given unnecessarily** as less than 20% of horses carry 80% of the worms*. Worm Egg Counting has been demonstrated to be more cost-effective than blanket treatment, and reduces the amount of wormer used.

Using wormers can lead to a build-up of resistance to them, meaning that they may be **ineffective in the future**, making it difficult to treat horses with worms. There are **currently no new wormers** coming onto the market, so preserving the ones we've got is essential! By targeting the horses we treat it means that we slow the development of resistance.

*Reference: Equine de-worming: a consensus on current best practice

WVVS Targeted Worming scheme includes:

- 4 Worm Egg Counts Kits to be used through the year
- A re-test to check de-wormer efficacy when appropriate
- An Equisal Saliva Test Kit (to test for tapeworm in autumn)
- Year round tailored advice on worm burden management and treatment
- 10% off all wormers that we advise to be used

The scheme costs £60 (inc VAT) per horse, per year.

To join the scheme, please complete and return the below registration form. We will then provide you with your collecting kits, vouchers and Equisal Saliva Test.

Client Details

First Name: _____

Surname: _____

First Line of Address:

Postcode: _____

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Please send me results by:

Phone call Text Message Email

Please regularly email the monthly newsletter to me (please tick)

Horse Details (complete separate form for each horse)

Name: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Weight: _____ kg Is this: Estimate/Weigh Bridge/Weigh Tape

Kept at: Home/Yard: _____/Other: _____

If you give consent for us to inform your yard manager of your worm egg count results, please sign here: _____

Worming History (complete as much as possible)

Date last wormed: _____ Product used: _____

Date of previous Worm Egg Count: _____ Result: _____ epg

Date of last tapeworm test: _____ Result: _____

Is grazing shared? Yes/No If yes, how many other horses: _____

How often do you poo pick: Daily/2-3x per week/Weekly/Fortnightly/Rarely

Please return completed for to us in person, by email or by post to the address above.

We understand that occasionally circumstances change, and there may be a reason that you wish to transfer the package to another horse. We will assess this on a case-by-case basis.



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Following on from July's newsletter, we have seen an increase in the number of worm egg counts performed. This is great news and means that more horses are receiving treatment only when required.

During August, we analysed how many of the samples tested led to treatment being required. The answer to this was 33% which was correctly guessed by two of our clients in a Facebook competition.

In response to an increased interest in Targeted Worming, we have recently launched our 'Targeted Worming Scheme'. The scheme includes all your worm egg counts needed in a year, an Equisal Tapeworm Test, year round advice and a 10% discount on required wormers.

On the reverse of this page is the information sheet and registration form, if you wish to join the scheme.



Worm Egg Counts

These are done by us in house. We contact you personally to give you results and tell you what they mean for your horse and yard.

Under the scheme, everything you need to collect and label your samples will be provided.

If a whole yard signs up to the plan, with your consent, we can manage the yard as a group with your yard owner.

Equisal Tapeworm Test

This test assesses the tapeworm burden in your horse. Unfortunately, we cannot see tapeworm eggs on routine worm egg counts. This test has been devised to allow you to perform it yourself at home without needing a vet to take a blood sample.

The kit comes with a full set of instructions on how to do it. You then post the sample off, and the lab provide us with the results. We will advise treatment based on this.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office on 01328 864444 to speak to a vet