

# WORMING



Worming is a key part of preventative healthcare in your horse. At Seadown we provide worming advice along with packages for both targeted and interval based worming for individual horse owners and whole yards. Backed up by our in-house lab we can provide same day results for faecal worm egg counts. We are happy to discuss worming with you and provide the most suitable programme for your horse or yard.

Worming your horse can be a bit of a minefield so we aim to provide straightforward advice about the best strategy for worming your horse which best suits your circumstances. With our in house lab we can often give "same day" results when faecal samples are brought in for analysis.

The two types of worming programme we offer are:

- Interval worming
- Targeted worming

**Interval worming** is often best for horses which are kept on large yards where regular "poo-picking" of fields is not practical or yards where there are lots of young stock. Interval worming involves using specific types of wormer's at regular points throughout the year to target different categories of worms, namely roundworms, tapeworms and encysted small red-worms.

**Targeted Worming** can be used in both individual horses and in yards where paddocks are regularly cleared of droppings.

The aim of targeted worming is to reduce the number of wormers you give to your horse by analysing their faeces on a regular basis to see how many worm eggs are present. The basic theory being that your horse is only wormed if there are a significant number of worm eggs present within the faecal sample.

Worm egg counting will only pick up the levels of roundworms and the shedding of eggs can vary at different times of year and be very dependent on individual horses and even the weather! Therefore even if worm egg counting is used and regular dropping clearance in the fields we would still advise that horses are wormed annually for encysted red-worm and tapeworms.

There are blood and saliva tests available which can be used to check for the presence of tapeworms in your horse. Our vets will be happy to discuss these tests in further detail with you and they may also be advised to form part of your worming strategy.

These packages can be individually tailored for your own horse or for yard situations. Please ring for further information.



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