

YOUR GUIDE TO WORM EGG COUNTS



1. Find a fresh poo pile.
 2. Take a pinch from several nuggets within the pile.
 3. Place in labelled container, with owner and horse names.
 4. Deliver the sample to the practice within a few hours of collection, otherwise store the sample in the fridge for up to 2 days. If you need to post the sample to the practice, we recommend next day delivery arriving between Monday and Friday and the use of ice packs to keep it cool. (Warm samples lead to the eggs hatching and an inaccurate representation of the worm burden).
 5. The practice will contact you with the results and appropriate advice.
- We can then advise on what is the best course of action and if any treatment is required at the time.
 - We advise you regularly poo pick fields, once or twice a week minimum to reduce worm burden. Harrowing fields is not sufficient to reduce worm burden, even in the summer.
 - If your horse shares a field, we recommend they all follow the same worming programme, but this does not necessarily mean they will always require worming at the same time as each other.
 - As a general rule, 20% of horses in a herd will carry 80% of the worm burden, our aim is to find those 20%!

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