



Worming Programme Terms and Conditions:

1. Payment must be made in full at the time of application.
2. You may cancel your plan and receive a refund for unused products only under the following circumstances: you move your horse outside the normal geographical area covered by MacArthur Barstow & Gibbs; your horse is sold; or upon the death of your horse.
3. Wormers supplied on the plan are only for the horse(s) named on the plan. You will receive a reminder when your wormer is ready to collect. The number and type of wormers supplied each year may vary.
4. Please note – all wormers are supplied as 'oral paste'. There may be additional charges for tablets or powder if such an alternative is available.

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Equine Worming Programme 2025-2026



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What is included in the worming plan?

- A tailor-made pack for your horse(s)
- 4 worm egg counts per horse using our in-house faecal analysis machine
- A redworm blood test including a free visit charge
- A tapeworm saliva test
- Advice from our experienced equine vets
- Reminders when your tests are due
- Quick turnaround time for your results
- Discounted weighing
- Notifications that your horse needs a wormer
- A range of wormers available to buy same day or next day direct from us

Once you have joined our worming programme you will be contacted to collect your welcome pack. Included in this is:

- 4 FWEC sample pots (labelled with due date)
- Weigh tape
- Personalised worming record
- EquiSal saliva test (if you lose your EquiSal saliva test you will be charged for your replacement)
- Equine worm fact sheet

Plan:

Action	When
FWEC	Mid-June
FWEC	Mid-September
Tapeworm Saliva test +/- Serum redworm test	October- December
FWEC	Mid-February
FWEC	Mid-April

Cost: £175 (Inc. Vat) saving you money and assisting with worm management!

This programme is designed for adult horses and ponies. If you have horses and ponies under 3 years old or pregnant mares, please let us know so we can tailor the programme to them!

Why is worm control important?

There are multiple types of worms which can all affect your horse's health. These can lead to clinical signs such as:

- Coughing
- Weight loss
- Diarrhoea
- Colic

Why shouldn't we *routinely* worm horses?



More recently we have seen a rise in wormer resistance leading to wormers becoming less effective. We need to be selective as to which horses receive worm treatment due to a small choice of treatments available on the market.

It is important to dose horses correctly based on their weight to avoid resistance. The most accurate method of weighing your horse is for us to use our portable weighbridge. This can also help with accurate dosing for medications other than wormers.

Test Details

Faecal Worm Egg Counts



When submitting samples please follow the guidelines below:

1. Samples must be fresh and less than 4hrs old when collected
2. Take 'pinches' from at least 5 faecal balls - not just one
3. Expel air before closing the bag
4. Keep cool - around 4°C
5. Please return samples Monday – Thursday

Faecal egg counts do NOT detect tapeworm and encysted stages of small redworm or larvae.

EquiSal Tapeworm Saliva Test



Unlike other worms, tapeworms cannot be reliably identified from faecal egg counts. A saliva test can be picked up from the practice for you to do at home between October and December.

The test is user-friendly as horse owners collect saliva using the EquiSal absorbent swab and send it back to Austin Davis Biologics' laboratory in a preservative tube within a prepaid envelope. Please send these Monday – Thursday, user guide is included in the EquiSal pack.

Serum Redworm

A small redworm blood test detects antibodies in your horse's serum indicating exposure to small redworms, including the encysted larval stage. This test can be used to diagnose and monitor redworm infections, particularly when the worms are hibernating through the winter months.

