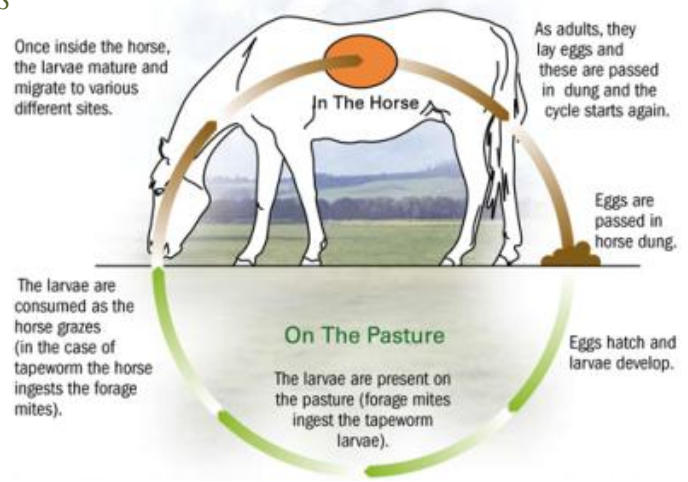


## **WORM PROGRAM – LOW RISK HORSES**

- Horses over 3 years old
- Yards with limited numbers of horses coming and going
- Yards with a set worming program, and all liveries comply with the program
- Paddocks are harrowed or poo picked regularly, and are not overgrazed.
- Paddocks are rested through prolonged frost or intensely sunny periods (minimum 6 week)



### **Program –**

- Roundworm – WEC (worm egg count) every 6 months in May and November, levels over 50 epg (egg per gram) require worming.
- Tapeworm – November every year use either the Saliva test or a blood test. If positive, worm accordingly. (Saliva test available from Westgate Laboratories)

Please note – There are many wormers on the market, these are just a selection, so please check ingredients.

Month	May	Nov
+ve WEC +ve Tapeworm (Nov)	Year 1 – Strongid P Year 2 – Eraquell or Eqvalan Year 3 – Equest	Equest Pramox every year
+ve WEC -ve Tapeworm (Nov)	Year 1 – Strongid P Year 2 – Eraquell or Eqvalan Year 3 – Equest	Equest every year
-ve WEC +ve Tapeworm (Nov)	No treatment needed	Equest Pramox unless two years of consecutive -ve WEC then Equitape
-ve WEC -ve Tapeworm (Nov)	No treatment needed	Equest unless two years of -ve WEC then no treatment needed.

### **Notes –**

- Equest is the only wormer that effectively kills encysted redworm (these do not show up on WEC) and so must be given every Nov, unless the horse has had 2 years of consecutive negative WECs.
- Foals under 6 months old should be wormed every 8 weeks with Panacur single dose from 2 weeks old. At 6 months old they join the yard program as described above.
- Any new horses on the yard should be given Equest Pramox and stabled for 24 hours prior to turnout.
- Rescue horses or those suspected to have a high burden should be given a single dose of Strongid P as soon as possible, then Equest Pramox 2 weeks later. They should not be turned out until 24 hours after Equest Pramox, and must be monitored carefully for any signs of depression or diarrhea. If this occurs, seek veterinary advice.
- There is a high resistance of worms to Panacur so we do not recommend this is included in a worming program, apart from foals under 6 months old.

