

## Deworming Your Horse:

Foals (2-12 months old):

Multiple internal parasites can affect the health of a young horse. The main worms to be concerned with are ascarids (round worms) and strongyle type worms. Some worms can cause diarrhea (GI upset) like the ones described above, bots in the stomach, and also strongyloides westeri (picked up from mother). Ascarids should be killed slowly as not to cause a severe colic impaction while deworming. Consult a veterinarian for a deworming protocol. Coughing can also be seen with internal parasites as they migrate through the body before reaching the intestines, or caused by a lung worm transmitted by donkeys.

Adults (>1yr old):

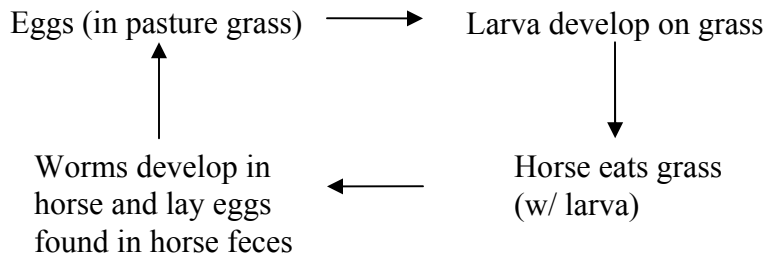
With age horses form a natural immunity to ascarids, yet all other internal parasites can cause problems for the horse: weight loss, colic and diarrhea. Tapeworms in horses have become a hot topic of discussion in the equine world. Tapeworms do not cause problems with weight loss. The main problem is predisposing the horse to cecal colic. The tapeworm's lifecycle goes through an obitaid mite in pastures that the horses eat, so a good time to deworm for a tapeworm is late fall and early winter when it is too cold for the mite.

Pregnant Mare:

Most dewormers are safe for pregnant mares. Check the label on the dewormer to see if the company deems it safe for pregnant mares. It is a good idea to deworm the mare while pregnant and nursing the foal. This keeps the parasite load down to a minimum that is shed by the mare and picked up by the foal.

Prevention:

Most internal parasites' lifecycle are fecal-oral in nature.



**Veterinarian: Can check feces for eggs and recommend deworming protocol-prior to deworming to check how the wormers and worm burden are being affected. Bring in a fresh fecal ball to examine.**

Rotational deworming is recommended: Example below (*italic: active ingredient*)

<b>January-February</b>	<b>April-May</b>	<b>July-August</b>	<b>October-November</b>
<i>Pyrantal Pamoate</i>	<i>Ivermectin</i> <i>Moxidectin</i>	<i>Fenbendazole</i>	<i>Praziquantel</i> For tapeworms
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