

# Spring 2000 Comstock Health Chronicle

## Internal Parasites

We have recently seen parasite problems in horses that were on our previously recommended deworming programs. This has caused us to reevaluate our approach to controlling parasites. After consultation with manufacturers and veterinarians with experience in parasitology, we have revised our recommendations. The following recommendations are general guidelines and can be adjusted to fit your stabling environment, competition schedule, or breeding program. Feel free to call us to discuss the best approach for your situation.

Dr. Laird Laurence of Fredricksburg, Texas, a veterinarian who is nationally recognized for his expertise in the area of parasite control, will be giving a seminar on this subject on March 14<sup>th</sup>. In order to assist you in evaluating your current deworming program, free fecal analysis will be available for horses of all clients who attend the seminar. More details on the seminar and Equine Fecal Clinic will be mailed to our clients in early March.

## Recommended Deworming Programs

1. *Pleasure/Backyard Horse*
  - Winter: Larvicidal treatment (5 days of double dose Panacur)
  - Spring: Ivermectin product
  - Summer: Pyrantel Pamoate product (Strongid Paste, Rotectin 2) – Use double the recommended dose
  - Fall: Ivermectin product
2. *High Risk (horses on turnout with other horses, especially on pasture) or High Performance Horses*
  - Winter: Larvicidal treatment
  - Early spring: Ivermectin
  - Late spring: Double dose Pyrantel Pamoate
  - Late summer: Larvicidal treatment
  - Fall: Ivermectin
3. *Horse on Strongid C - Perform a larvicidal treatment before starting Strongid C*
  - Winter: Larvicidal treatment
  - Spring/Fall: Ivermectin
  - Horses that have been in areas where tapeworms are found (humid climates, most commonly on pasture) should have a double dose of Pyrantel Pamoate in late summer
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  - Spring/Fall: Ivermectin
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4. Broodmares should have a larvicidal treatment 2-4 weeks before foaling
5. A larvicidal treatment should be performed on all new horses before introduction to the herd

## Flu-Avert

A new intranasal influenza vaccine is now available and is recommended for show horses or horses in an environment where they are exposed to many different horses. Please ask for more details when you register for the clinics.

